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Criticism grows of Ivtzan's moves

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police Inspector-General Rav-Nitzav Arye Ivtzan has no intention of resigning over the Hefetz case, sources close to the national police chief said yesterday.

But criticism of Ivtzan inside the force and outside seemed to be growing, and many officers doubted he would be able to retain his job.

During the weekend, Ivtzan recommended to Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir that Nitzav-Mishne Assaf Hefetz, suspended commander of the Police Central Unit, be charged with the criminal offence of speaking about classified intelligence material with unauthorized personnel.

Hefetz was suspended from the force last week after he was discovered — through a telephone tap — to have discussed with reporters a classified police intelligence document that he said already a year ago named suspects in a plot to blow up the Temple Mount, and that Jerusalem police had not acted on the information. However, *The Jerusalem Post* has reported that the intelligence document involved made no mention of the Temple Mount, referring only to suspicions that one of the suspects still at large, Shimon Barda, had been plotting an attack on churches and other non-Jewish religious institutions. *The Post* has also reported that, in fact, the Jerusalem police twice followed up the intelligence information, but without success.

Despite assurances made by sources close to the inspector-general that an internal Interior Ministry inquiry would vindicate Ivtzan's decision to suspend Hefetz and that "the storm will pass," there appeared yesterday to be snowballing public support for Hefetz. In addition to the petition calling for his reinstatement and the suspension of Tel Aviv District Commander Nitzav Avraham Turgeman organized by his loyal subordinates in the Central Unit, there was a demonstration of several hundred supporters outside Hefetz's home yesterday. Furthermore, at least one ex-sgan-nitzav (chief superintendent), Amnon Halpert, has publicly called for Hefetz's reinstatement and the removal of Ivtzan, Turgeman, and the head of the Criminal Investigations Division, Nitzav Yehezkel Carthy. Meanwhile, Hefetz, who won the Medal of Valour — the police's highest distinction — for killing three terrorists in the Coastal Road massacre of 1978, got support from another recipient of the same award, who threatened to return the medal to the police if Hefetz is not reinstated.

Hefetz's lawyer, Dan Cohen, is to go to the High Court of Justice today to seek an injunction that would return Hefetz to his job. But sources close to Ivtzan last night emphasized that the suspension was conducted lawfully and that "at best" Cohen could hope for a "procedural ruling."

Nitzav Commander Zvi Bar, chief of police operations and known as Ivtzan's chief opponent inside the force, reiterated at the weekend his belief that Hefetz was not the originator of the leak. Bar also said that he has still not seen any intelligence material that predicted an attack on the Temple Mount. As head of operations, he said, he is responsible for the protection of the site and would have to bear respon-

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Two soldiers wounded

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Two Israeli soldiers were wounded on Friday morning when an explosive charge went off by the Shi'ite village of Habush near Nabatiya as an Israel Defence Forces patrol went by. IDF units searched the area, which has been the site of previous attacks on IDF patrols.

Also on Friday, a katyusha rocket was fired at noon at an IDF position two kilometres south of Lake Karoun. This was the second time last week that katyushas were fired at Israeli positions. The first was at an outpost near Nabatiya on Tuesday.



Lebanese soldiers patronize a fast food shop in Beirut's Hamra district while awaiting orders on Friday, just befofe fighting broke out again during the night. (UPI telephoto)

Agreement still eludes Lausanne delegations

Jerusalem Post Staff
and agencies

LAUSANNE, Switzerland. — After 48 hours of informal hard bargaining, leaders of Lebanon's rival political factions met in a plenary session yesterday to begin crucial deliberations about a draft document on national unity. It is hoped that agreement on such a document will be reached at the reconciliation conference.

The session ended late last night and will resume this morning.

Meanwhile, in and around Beirut early yesterday, Christian and Moslem militiamen battled with mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and heavy machine guns. Police and hospitals said at least 13 persons were killed and 35 wounded.

The heaviest casualty toll for a single night since Lebanon's nine principal leaders began their talks in Switzerland proclaimed a cease-fire Tuesday.

The plenary session at the Lausanne conference yesterday discussed a draft document prepared by Lebanese President Amin Jemayel. The draft is based on proposals for political reform that were raised by the parties to the Lebanese conflict, and on recommendations by two committees that met on Thursday and Friday to try to bridge the differences between the delegation heads.

Conference sources have reported that the document contains a series of proposals for restor-

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U.S. diplomat in Beirut kidnapped without trace

BEIRUT (AP). — U.S. Embassy officials said yesterday they had no clues on kidnapped American diplomat William Buckley, while President Ronald Reagan's administration announced it had contacted Lebanese officials and Syria over the abduction.

"We have nothing at all, nothing since yesterday (Friday)," said an embassy spokesman. "No claims, no phone calls, nothing."

Three gunmen kidnapped Buckley, 55, on Friday, forcing him into a car at pistol point in front of his house in mostly Moslem West Beirut and then speeding off.

At a news conference after the abduction, Robert Pugh, the embassy's first secretary and head of the mission in the absence of Ambassador Reginald Bartholomew, suggested American diplomats remaining in Beirut would be asked to move into the Marine-guarded compound in the seafront Ein Mreisseh neighbourhood. "I think a decision will be made" to that effect, he said.

Two other Americans, journalist Jeremy Levin and American university professor Frank Regier, have been reported missing since February 6 when Moslem militiamen took control of West Beirut from the Lebanese Army. No one has claimed responsibility in any of the abductions.

Buckley, first secretary in the embassy's political section, became a foreign service officer last year and was on his first assignment, the State Department said in Washington.

Ghali: Jordanian-PLO agreement in offing

Egyptian Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali said in an Israel Television interview broadcast on Friday that he believed the PLO would eventually agree that Jordan negotiate on its behalf a solution to the Palestinian problem. He added that he hoped Middle East peace negotiations focused on the future of the West Bank and Gaza would resume in a few weeks.

Ghali pointed to the near-agreement between King Hussein of Jordan and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat last April as proof that they would reach agreeement soon.

"We are in contact with both the Jordanians and the Palsestinians. We are encouraging them to reach an agreement so we can move to a second step and renew negotiations with the Israelis, the Palestinians and the Jordanians," Ghali said.

Regarding Lebanon, Ghali said that an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon "would encourage the Palestinians and the Jordanians and the moderates among the different Arab elements."

Ghali intimated that Egypt ex-

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3 Democrats still in race as Glenn ends campaign

WASHINGTON (AP). — From industrial Michigan to the deep South and beyond to Puerto Rico, Walter Mondale is counting on putting together a weekend surge to derail Gary Hart's momentum.

Democrats in five states were to hold caucuses or meetings yesterday to begin allocating 301 delegates to the Democratic national convention in July that will nominate the party's candidate for November's presidential election. Democrats living in Latin American countries were to meet in the Panama Canal Zone to decide how to allocate their three convention delegates.

Puerto Rico holds a primary today to allocate 48 of the commonwealth's 53 convention delegates.

The biggest prize of the weekend was Michigan, where Mondale has the support of the powerful United Auto Workers Union and Governor James Blanchard.

The Democratic contest slimmed down to a three-man race after Senator John Glenn announced on Friday that he was ending his candidacy after disappointing finishes in the early primaries and caucuses.

From an original eight-man field, that left Mondale, Hart and the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the black leader.

Michigan, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi and South Carolina were to hold party caucuses for their residents yesterday.

Hart said on Friday that during a war in the Middle East, the U.S. should not send troops to protect or restore the flow of Gulf oil to its allies in Western Europe or Japan.



Senator John Glenn works in his office in Washington prior to his announcement that he is pulling out as a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination. (UPI telephoto).

Syria will now press for Israel withdrawal

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Syria's next aim in Lebanon is to bring about the complete withdrawal of Israeli forces from the south.

Syria's method, say Israeli analysts, will be to press for the immediate reorganization of the Lebanese Army — with a smaller Christian component in the senior officer corps — and the prompt despatch of units to the south.

According to the Israeli analysts, Syria is expected to insist that any "security arrangements" devised for the south be contracted between the armies of Lebanon and Israel. Syria is urging that future contacts be held within the framework of the long-defunct Israel-Lebanon Mixed Armistice Commission (ILMAC), the UN-chaired machinery set up in 1949.

The Israeli analysts assess that Syria wishes to avoid military tension with Israel in Lebanon, especially because of the behind-the-scenes power struggle that is still apparently preoccupying President Hafez Assad in Damascus. Hence the Syrians will strive to dislodge the Israel Defence Forces from South Lebanon — following up on their success in abrogating the May 17 agreement — by political means.

The analysts stress that there are no fundamental doctrinal or policy differences between the vying groups in Damascus. All the rival factions share the hardline approach to the Israel-Arab conflict that has been the hallmark of President Assad's 14-year rule. And all share, too, his basic belief that Syria should seek close political control over neighbouring Lebanon.

For Assad, as for his ambitious younger brother, Rifaat, and the other contenders for the succession, Syria's aspirations in Lebanon are not merely territorial or strategic. They go to the heart of Syria's role and self-image as a leader of the Arab world and as the champion of the Arab cause in the conflict with Israel.

Syria's recent success in Lebanon is seen in Damascus, say the Israeli analysts, as an important boost to Syria's overall standing — especially since all the major international and regional forces were active in the Lebanese arena.

Syria has learned the lesson, however, of its eight-year sojourn in Lebanon, say the analysts. Now it will attempt to control Lebanon from without, rather than retain heavy military garrisons in large areas of the country.

One interesting exception to this "remote control" policy is in the town of Tripoli in the north, where a large number of Syrian Alawites have settled in recent years. The analysts say this is a result of deliberate policy in Damascus. It means that even when the Syrian Army withdraws, a 30,000-strong Alawite colony will remain to further the interests of the mother country in this key port town.

The analysts say the Alawite presence in the largely Sunni town was an important factor in the fighting there last year. The Alawites lined up with PLO rebel leader Abu Mussa against Yasser Arafat, who was backed by local Sunni fighters.

Inside Damascus, meanwhile, the power-struggle that surfaced ominously in recent weeks appears to have subsided, at least tenporarily, following Assad's appointment of three vice-presidents.

But the Israeli analysts are not yet prepared to assess how Rifaat Assad, the second vice-president (former foreign minister Abdel Halim Kaddam is the first, and Ba'ath Party leader Zuheir Mash'arka the third), has emerged from his open clash with chief of staff Shehabi and other rivals and his open attempt to establish himself as heir-presumptive.

One key question, as yet unanswered, is whether Rifaat retains direct control over the "Defence Companies," the 25,000-strong, hand-picked, superbly armed elite division deployed around Damascus, which have been until now Rifaat's main power base.

The Israeli analysts say the basic power struggle is still unresolved — and must remain unresolved given the objective constraints operating on the president.

There is reason to believe, they say, that Hafez Assad, like most of his countrymen, is fed up with his corrupt, cruel and high-living brother. But Hafez Assad's own position among the leading families of the minority Alawites is not entirely secure and above challenge. And the president knows, moreover, that any split among the

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Cairo, Khartoum blame Libya

Full alert in Sudan after Tupolev raid

KHARTOUM (AP). — The Sudanese Army and Air Force went on full alert yesterday after an air raid by a single Soviet-built bomber of unknown origin on Friday on a suburb of the capital Kartoum. Five persons were killed and two wounded.

Sudan and Egypt immediately coordinated defensive measures to prevent a recurrence. The two countries are bound in a defence pact.

Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri yesterday told a seminar of army officers that Egypt has sent troops to Sudan to help it defend itself against external attack.

Numeiri and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak blamed Libya for Friday's air raid. Egyptian Defence Minister Abdel-Halim Abu-Ghazala warned that a recurrence would have "very grave consequences."

"It's a very dangerous act, a mad act," Mubarak told reporters in Cairo. "Those who did it are not a civilized country under any circumstances."

Abu-Ghazala pledged unlimited Egyptian military aid to Sudan and said Egypt is "going to be aggressive to stop any aggression against Sudan." He rushed to Khartoum on Friday afternoon and was immediately closeted with Mumeiri for military consultations.

Sudan and Egypt concluded a joint defence pact in 1976. It provides that each side would extend military aid to help defend the other.

Shortly after Abu-Ghazala left Khartoum on Friday night, another Egyptian envoy flew into the capital for political deliberations. He was Osama al-Bas, top political aide to Mubarak.

"We are going to take some measures to prevent such incidents in the future," Abu-Ghazala told reporters following his talks with Numeiri. He did not mention Libya.

Abu-Ghazala said Egypt considered the air raid "a serious aggression" and he cited the joint defence pact for the planned joint defensive measures. He gave no details.

The official Egyptian Middle East News Agency said yesterday that Sudan's army chief of staff, General Siwar el-Dahab, arrived in Cairo yesterday afternoon for "urgent military talks."

There was no word on the nationality of the attacking plane, but the authoritative *Jane's All the The Worlds Aircraft* says only Libya, Iraq and the Soviet Union hold the TU-22, a sophisticated long-range bomber.

The Sudanese military command

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Demonstrations protest against Shabbat film performances in Petah Tikva on Friday night. (Andre Brutmann)

Orthodox demonstrate again in Petah Tikva

PETAH TIKVA (Itim). — Thousands of Orthodox demonstrators braved rain showers to protest on Friday night against the continued Sabbath showing of movies and sale of tickets at the Heichal cinema house here.

The demonstrators gathered outside the town's central synagogue to hear speeches by the two local chief rabbis, Baruch Salomon and Moshe Malka, as well as a speech by the chief rabbi of Rehovot, Simha Kook.

Rabbi Salomon, who was arrested a week ago for disturbing the peace, called on the policemen guarding the cinema to "return your batons to their armouries, we are not impressed by them and not frightened of them. We shall defend the Sabbath."

Indoors, *The Blues Brothers* was shown to hundreds of moviegoers who preferred the screen to the spectacle outside.

At about 10 p.m., when the policemen went back to their vehicles because of the rain, the demonstrators, who had marched to the area in front of City Hall, began to move towards the cinema. But when the demonstrators approached the cinema, crying "Shabbes, Shabbes" the policemen left their vehicles and formed a human chain blocking the demonstrators' path and driving them back to City Hall.

At around midnight, the demonstrators dispersed.

A senior police officer said that no pressure was being applied to the police to close the file against Salomon, who is being investigated for disturbing the peace a week ago in the town's Gan Eden coffee house.

Talking to reporters, Central District Police Commander Nitzav Gabi Amir said that the police are still investigating Salomon's and others' involvement in the fracas in the coffee house.

Amir said he was angered by the fact that policemen, including religious policemen, had to work on the Sabbath in order to protect demonstrators protesting against the desecration of the Sabbath.

El Al aims to fly despite New York strike

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The major test of strength in the three-day-old El Al strike in New York is expected this morning when management will try to circumvent the strikers and send its first flight to Israel. The flight is scheduled to depart at 6 a.m. Israel time.

Half of El Al's revenue comes from its transatlantic route, so the continuation of the flights will be important in determining the outcome of the power struggle.

Reports reaching Tel Aviv last night said the only damage so far was to two catering-company trucks whose airbrake hoses were slashed. The hoses were repaired immediately.

The strike, involving 225 unionized employees, members of District 100 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, started Friday at 7:30 a.m. Israel time. The workers are fighting management demands to fire 23 employees, cut all wages by 10 per cent, reduce vacation leave, and make workers perform several tasks if needed. If embodied in the new work agreement, these measures would save the national carrier some $2 million a year, director-general Rafi Harlev estimated.

Negotiations over the new work agreement started last spring, but reached a deadlock, and attempted mediation failed last month.

El Al hopes to continue its services with the help of some 100 non-unionized American workers, 22 persons flown from Israel and Israeli employees flown to New York from El Al's other U.S. branches.

Last Thursday management took advantage of payday and made all workers who came to collect their money turn in their employee identification cards. New cards were issued only to those expected to work despite the strike. So the strikers have no card enabling them to enter the sensitive areas in the airport and town offices, and to disrupt work there.

AP adds: El Al's New York general manager David Schneider, in a statement issued on Friday morning, vowed that "this strike will not affect either passenger or cargo service under any circumstances."

Knesset may decide on Thursday

Labour's early-poll bill on House agenda

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Alignment Knesset faction has decided to ask for a Knesset debate this week on a bill calling for elections this summer. It wants the vote to be held on Thursday.

The move was described by some in Labour as "brinkmanship." The party is taking a risk if it goes through with its plans to legislate a new election date without having first obtained Tami support, because such a bill can only be submitted once in six months. If the present bill fails, another cannot be put to a vote till September.

The Alignment bill specifies that elections be held in 100 days, in effect scheduling them for early July, instead of the scheduled date of November 1985.

Labour is keenly interested in summer elections and has been carrying on an intensive campaign to convince the three Tami Knesset members to support an early-elections bill before the Knesset goes on holiday at the end of this month. But Tami last week decided not to decide on early elections before mid-May, when the recess ends.

According to some Labour sources, anger with Tami is the prime reason for the decision to submit the elections bill without that party's backing. The motive is to show Tami that Labour is not dependent on it. Labour insiders say that Tami signalled to Labour that it is interested in early elections and that it would support early elections, especially as Labour stressed that the two votes needed to assure the bill a 61 vote majority would be cast by Yitzhak Berman and Dror Zeigerman of the Liberals. But Tami led Labour on and Labour is now showing that it is fed up, these insiders maintain.

Other party sources say Labour has a deeper design. According to this view, Tami indeed wants early elections, although the date it wants is different from Labour's. By resorting to an early elections bill without Tami support, Labour could force Tami's hand and ensure its support for the bill regardless of the decision to wait. Tami would fear a Labour defeat, lest it postpone another bid for early elections

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	MIN C	MIN F	MAX C	MAX F	
AMSTERDAM	2	36	7	45	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	0	32	8	47	Cloudy
BUENOS AIRES	19	66	28	83	Cloudy
CHICAGO	2	35	10	50	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	0	32	1	34	Clear
FRANKFURT	3	37	8	46	Cloudy
GENEVA	-4	25	10	50	Clear
HELSINKI	-9	16	0	32	Clear
HONG KONG	17	63	17	63	Cloudy
JOHANNESBURG	18	61	24	75	Clear
LISBON	4	45	13	55	Clear
LONDON	3	37	6	43	Cloudy
MADRID	-1	30	6	43	Cloudy
MONTREAL	-3	27	0	32	Snow
NEW YORK	4	38	12	53	Clear
OSLO	-4	25	3	37	Clear
PARIS	1	34	9	48	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	19	66	34	93	Clear
SAO PAULO	18	64	29	84	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	-4	25	-1	30	Clear
TOKYO	3	37	12	54	Clear
TORONTO	2	36	4	39	Clear
VIENNA	2	36	9	48	Cloudy
ZURICH	-4	25	10	50	Clear

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	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	88	9—14	12
Golan	82	8—12	11
Nahariya	—	—	—
Safad	95	7—8	6
Haifa Port	—	11—	6
Tiberias	93	12—16	14
Nazareth	91	9—11	9
Afula	95	10—14	12
Shomron	73	10—14	12
Tel Aviv	73	13—20	18
B-G Airport	68	13—19	18
Jericho	58	14—22	20
Gaza	75	14—18	18
Beersheba	57	11—20	18
Eilat	46	12—28	26

ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Steinhardt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Weinstein and family, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Goldfinger and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Braver and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Spahn and family, for a special Israel Museum tour, on the occasion of the Bar-Mitzva of Daniel Steinhardt.

Herzog: Defence still national value

AFULA (Itim). — President Chaim Herzog on Thursday night told a conference of former Hagana commanders at the former Hagana camp of Juara that he is distraught at "the erosion in motivation and sense of mission" among youth regarding service in the Israel Defence Forces and volunteering for command posts in the regular army.

"If there is a purpose to this large gathering, beyond nostalgia, it is the message of education, of ideals and a call to the youth of today that the work is not finished, that defence is still a necessary value, that the need for sacrifice and devotion and volunteering is still vital," said Herzog.

The Juara camp near Ein Hashofet in Western Samaria was the first training camp for the Hagana, the pre-state Jewish defence organization. Many of Israel's top commanders, including chiefs of staff, attended training courses there. It is now a Gadna training base.

The name "Juara" has come to symbolize the revival of an independent Jewish fighting force in Eretz Yisrael.

Bomb thrown in Kalandia

A petrol bomb was thrown on Friday night at the home of the mukhtar of the Kalandia refugee camp north of Jerusalem. The bomb exploded but caused no casualties or damage.

The mukhtar has been a target of attacks before. He is suspected by some local people of collaborating with the Israeli authorities.

MK ESHEL CHARGES

Police chief prevents national traffic force

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police Inspector-General Rav-Nitzav Arye Ivtzan is thwarting attempts to set up an urgently-needed national traffic police force, Knesset Member Tamar Eshel (Alignment-Labour) charged on Friday.

Eshel, chairwoman of the Knesset's sub-committee on road safety, addressed a conference of district coordinators of the National Council for the Prevention of Accidents at the Jerusalem Sonesta Hotel.

She said: "Though we did not rush to the news media to publicize the fact, I can tell you that the most recent meeting of our committee actually blew up when it became evident that the inspector-general is getting in the way of a national-level police force to take on the fast-growing war against road accidents."

Suggesting that the police hierarchy fears the sharing of authority with any new law-enforcement organization, she added: "Although Interior Minister Burg, on the advice of the Police Advisory Council, has himself recommended establishment of a national traffic police, Ivtzan told us nothing can move forward unless he is given an additional 185 payroll slots. And he has also tagged on certain demands connected with organizational details.

"Since the Treasury representatives at the meeting promptly rejected the idea of additional civil-service job slots, the promise of a national police force in the near future has faded into oblivion. I intend to summon Burg before our committee when he returns from abroad."

Moshe Amirav, director of the Transport Ministry's Road Safety Authority, told the conference that with road construction and repair budgets frozen in the face of burgeoning motor-vehicle ownership, "the only salvation apparent now seems to be the two- to five-per cent petrol surcharge we hope the government will approve, so that we can go ahead with our work."

He said the only other non-State Budget funding available for accident prevention is a part of the automobile licensing-fee revenues, which are allocated to the local authorities for local road-safety activities.

According to Amirav, five more so-called "Bloody Highways" — stretches of roadway where fatal mishaps repeatedly occur — have been assigned top-priority in the Public Works Department's list of projects. He hoped funding for these projects "would somehow be got from the Treasury."

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sibility if there were any failure to do so.

A high-ranking police source expressed astonishment over the telephone tapping of Hefetz, whose Central Unit detectives are considered the elite police force in the Dan Region. "Now they are really forcing us to leak to the press," said the source.

Meanwhile, sources in national headquarters said that "probably" no disciplinary action would be taken against the Hefetz loyalists who organized the petition against Turgeman and refused to work the day after Hefetz's suspension.

One highly placed source said that "they'll probably cool off and realize that the police can't stop catching crooks because of this."

On Friday, Ivtzan and Carthy sent the police file detailing their suspicions about Hefetz to Zamir, with an attached recommendation that he be charged in criminal court.

The Post has been told by a high-ranking police source that Hefetz spoke with four separate reporters, "for several hours" about the intelligence report. "We have it all on tape," he said.

The source, who is close to Ivtzan, said that the inspector-general "had two choices — either to cover up the affair or to take action about the leak. Obviously he couldn't cover it up. And the system cannot allow this plague of leaking to continue."

The source rejected out of hand questions about the ethics and significance of a police commander tapping the private home telephones of his own senior officers.

"I don't understand that. Telephone tapping is legal. It may not be nice, but it is legal and it is surely a legitimate investigative means," he said. He described as "theatrics, pure and simple," a Friday night television news report showing Bar warmly embracing Hefetz at the suspended officer's home.

But there was no doubt last night that the tapping and continuing controversy had seriously demoralized the police force's upper ranks, creating an air of intrigue among the officers.

High-ranking officers expressed bitterness about the telephone taps, which seemed, as an issue, to begin to overshadow the original controversy — the Hefetz suspension.

"There's something rotten in the force if officers feel they have to leak information and if the commanders feel free to tap our phones," said a senior officer.

The Post has learned that Jerusalem District Court President Yehuda Weiss was the judge who gave the police permission to tap Hefetz's phone. *The Post* has also learned that the phones of other officers and some newspaper reporters are still being tapped.

With Interior Minister Yosef Burg abroad — he is due back on Tuesday — there was hesitancy about discussing the possibility of an Ivtzan resignation. Burg's absence itself is becoming controversial inside the force. Burg and Ivtzan are due to appear before the Knesset Interior committee on Wednesday, about the Hefetz case.

Many officers were predicting that if the internal inquiry by police comptroller Shmuel Eitan does not "unequivocally vindicate and justify" all of Ivtzan's decisions in the last week, the inspector-general "will have to go." And if he goes, it was considered likely that Carthy, who is backing Ivtzan, will also have to resign.

But the source close to Ivtzan yesterday told *The Post* that the material in the case against Hefetz is solid — even if it is based on tapped telephone transcripts.

And the source denied the original newspaper report alleging that there had been a serious failure in intelligence procedures regarding Barda's involvement in the Temple Mount gang.

Indeed, the biggest complaint by Ivtzan's supporters in national police headquarters against Hefetz is that neither Hefetz, nor the original source of the information about the alleged mishap, gave the internal police bureaucracy the opportunity to check if there had been a failure.

"If the leak had come a week after the police command had been told that Jerusalem didn't act on Tel Aviv's information, then I would have been a lot more forgiving about the leak," said the source close to the inspector-general. "But we only learned about the so-called failure at the same time as the newspaper reporter."



Temple Mount sabotage bid suspect Rafi Hen with his lawyer, Zvi Lidsky (extreme right), before the Jerusalem Magistrates Court released him on bail on Friday (Yitzhak Harari)

Temple Mount suspect released on IS50,000 bail

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

One of the three suspects in the Temple Mount sabotage bid case, was released Friday on IS50,000 bail. He is forbidden to go anywhere except home and to work.

He is Rafi Hen, a Jaffa shopowner, who was arrested as a suspected financier of the Bnei Yehuda cult that allegedly plotted the sabotage of the Temple Mount mosques.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that Hen's cooperation with the police — and their hopes that he will help them find missing suspect Shimon Barda — prompted their agreement for his release.

But the police are still considering filing criminal charges against him for his involvement with the cult, two of whose members grew up with him in a Holon neighbourhood.

The other two suspects in police custody meanwhile continue to cooperate with the police, but *The Post* has learned that they have not yet actually signed a confession.

Arguing that confession is contrary to their religious beliefs, they instead have shown police detectives how the sabotage attempt on the al-Aksa mosque was made.

11 killed, 163 injured on roads last week

Eleven persons were killed and 163 seriously injured in 69 road accidents last week.

Among the fatalities were three pedestrians, all of them adults. There were 39 pedestrians among the injured, 20 of them children.

Police cited stop-sign violations, tailgating and the failure to give the right of way to pedestrians as the main reasons for last week's accidents. (Itim)

Nahal to be honoured with Israel Prize

The Nahal will be awarded the 5744-1984 Israel Prize for a special contribution to the country and its society, the Ministry of Education and Culture announced.

Israel Prizes in various fields are awarded on Independence Day.

The panel recommending this praised the Nahal as an "exemplar of Zionist fulfilment." The judges said the Nahal members have served the cause of security and settlement through their fighting missions in the Israel Defence Forces and their work on settlements and outposts across the country.

Some 2,800 Nahal groups have been set up since the first group was established in September 1948 by order of the chief of staff. The Nahal has set up 120 outposts and more than 50 settlements, and has helped strengthen 170 others.

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ordered a full alert after the intruding warplane dropped five bombs on Omdurman, a city of 300,000 people across the Nile River from Khartoum, at 11:30 a.m. (0930 GMT) on Friday.

Five Sudanese were killed and two wounded, according to Badreddin Soleiman, first secretary of the Sudanese Socialist Union, the only authorized political party headed by Numeiri.

Eyewitnesses said the bombs hit an empty school, two houses, a park overlooking the Nile and an administrative building of the Omdurman Broadcasting Station, the official radio.

There were no casualties at the school as it was closed on Friday, witnesses said.

A Sudan foreign ministry statement late Friday said the government had "clear proof" that the aircraft took off from and returned to a Libyan air base at Kufrah Oasis, 1,360 kilometres northwest of Khartoum and close to the meeting point of the Sudanese, Libyan and Egyptian borders.

Mubarak said Numeiri phoned him Friday and "he told me about this raid by a Tupolev-22 which is only owned by Libya".

Mubarak said that two days ago he received a message from Libyan leader Muammar Ghaddafi proposing that Egypt and Libya reopen their common border, closed since a 1977 war between them, and strive for a merger.

Mubarak said this was "the fourth or fifth" such overture by Ghaddafi since Mubarak took office in October 1981, and every time this happened it was followed by some hostile Libyan action.

"Whenever I hear this (such overtures), I realize that something is cooking," Mubarak said. This time, he added, "I heard about this small raid. Unbelieveable."

"We are taking some measures and I think it is better to wait and see," Mubarak said.

LAUSANNE

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ing peace to the war-torn country and for a more just division of government authority between the Christians and Moslems. The document also reportedly contains proposals for security arrangements with Israel in south Lebanon.

> Israel government circles said last night that the government was in principle prepared to negotiate any sensible future course, but they were sceptical whether Jemayel could "deliver anything at all."
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> *The Jerusalem Post* was told that the government is convinced that Jemayel has absolutely no intention of sending forces south, or of making any military commitment that could assuage Israel's security fears.
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> The circles think that at most Jemayel might send an officer to take command of the late Major Sa'ad Haddad's South Lebanese militias — a gesture considered insufficient by Israel.

Several Lausanne conference sources said both sides remained divided over the extent of secularization of key government posts.

Conference sources said that the conferees had agreed to stick to be 1943 National Pact under which presidents were elected from the Maronite Christian community, while the premiership went to the Sunni Moslems and the presidency of the 99-seat parliament to the Shi'ite Moslems.

But Christian leaders have refused a demand by the opposition for abolishing the traditional allocation of other key public offices on confessional bases, especially that of the army command and other senior security and political posts.

In Beirut, each side blamed the other for the lastest violations of the truce along the Green Line that divides the capital into Moslem and Christian sectors, in the Shi'ite southern suburbs and in the Druse-inhabited hills east of the city.

The Palestinian Gaza Hospital in the Palestinian refugee camp of Sabra, south of Beirut, said seven persons were killed and five wounded when the camp and surrounding area were shelled yesterday evening. The casualties included both Palestinian refugees and Lebanese residents.

The shelling in the camp area and in East Beirut was the first on residential areas since the Tuesday cease-fire.

The sound of crashing shells and machinegun fire echoed through the city throughout the night into the early morning hours yesterday. The fighting slackened at midmorning, but police said sporadic grenade blasts were heard in the downtown commerical district.

Brazil will purchase missiles from Israel

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP). — The Brazilian fleet is to purchase Israeli Gabriel sea-to-sea missiles. This was announced by Admiralty Minister Maximiano de Fonesca, who also said his navy would buy French Exocet and Italian Automat missiles.

Brazilian manufacturers of military equipment have complained that the purchase of Israeli weapons could harm Brazil's exports to to other Middle East countries, notably Iraq.

Mubarak: U.S. embassy move to Jerusalem 'disastrous'

CAIRO (AP). — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has sent a letter to President Ronald Reagan warning of "disastrous" consequences if the U.S. moves its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, a Cairo newspaper said in its Friday edition.

An editorial by *Al-Ahram* editor-in-chief Ibrahim Nafeh, known to be close to Mubarak, called on Arab and Islamic countries to adopt a unified stance in opposing proposed congressional legislation which would require the U.S. to switch its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The article is the latest in a string of vitriolic attacks in Egypt's news media against the proposed embassy transfer.

"Egypt has felt the danger of what is currently happening in the corridors of Congress," Nafeh wrote. He said that Mubarak had sent an "urgent letter" to Reagan and Secretary of State George Schultz.

The article revealed that a meeting this week between Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and U.S. ambassador to Cairo Nicholas Veliotes discussed the proposed legislation, and quoted Ali as pressing a "personal view" that its passage would "blow up" all efforts for peace in the Middle East.

Al-Ahram also said that Reagan had already become a "prisoner" of the election campaign and the Arabs face the prospect of their conflict with Israel being shelved indefinitely by the U.S.

The paper blamed the Arabs for failing to support Reagan's Middle East peace initiative of September 1, 1982.

As a result of progress made by Democratic presidential hopeful Senator Gary Hart, the newspaper said, "Fear has begun to haunt President Reagan."

Al-Ahram recalled repeated warnings by Mubarak that unless the Arabs supported the Reagan initiative, a settlement with Israel would be delayed for a long time.

Soviet peace group here

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The hope that the present visit of a delegation representing the Soviet Peace Committee will lead to better Israeli-Soviet ties was voiced on Friday night by Knesset member Ora Namir. She was speaking at a reception for the four guests sponsored by a public committee consisting of representatives of Israeli peace movements, of the Labour Party, Mapam, Rakah, Sheli and Alternative (a party of Sheli breakaways).

Namir called for the renewal of diplomatic relations between the two countries and for Soviet Jews to be permitted to immigrate to Israel and "to study their language — Hebrew."

In reply, the head of the Russian delegation, Yuri Barbash, said the renewal of ties depends on Israel's first changing its "dangerous" policies. As for the Hebrew language, "if Soviet Jews have a mother tongue at all, it is Yiddish and in this language there are newspapers, books, a theatre and artistic activities," he said. Furthermore, he claimed, the study of Hebrew is not forbidden in the Soviet Union. It is studied in universities in Moscow and Leningrad and in foreign-language institutes.

The delegation yesterday visited Yad Hanna and Taiba village near Tulkarm.

The delegation arrived by air on Friday, via Bucharest, at the invitation of the Israeli committee. Barbash is editor of *Sovietskaya Kultura* (Soviet Culture) and head of the Soviet People's Committee for Solidarity with the Palestinians.

The delegation's other three members are: Yuri Drozdov, responsible for Middle East affairs in the Soviet peace committee; Alexander Krasnov, head of the Novosti news agency's African and Middle Eastern Department; and Dr. Wilhelm Gruner.

The visitors were met at the Ben-Gurion Airport by Knesset Member Tawfik Toubi (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality).

"We hope our visit will lead to progress in the search for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East," Barbash told a Kol Yisrael radio interviewer on Friday. Krasnov said the group would not visit the West Bank or the Gaza District. (Itim).

SYRIA WILL PRESS

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Alawites will quickly be exploited by the majority Sunnis to try to oust them from power.

By appointing Rifaat a vice-president, the president has ostensibly elevated his brother. But he may have clipped Rifaat's wings at the same time, if the younger man has indeed lost his hold on the "Defence Companies" or if they are now to be incorporated in the regular army.

Similarly, while keeping Rifaat "in the running," the president has carefully maintained the rank and role of other, Sunni, key-men in the regime: Kaddam is the senior vice-president; General Mustapha Tlass stays on as defence minister and becomes deputy premier too; and Gen. Shehabi, Rifaat's particular foe, remains as chief of staff.

Indeed, Shehabi's son is soon to marry the president's daughter in a rare Sunni-Alawite nuptial bond that will draw their respective fathers even closer together.

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Another key figure in the regime, who hitherto has kept in the background, came forward at the height of the crisis a fortnight ago to restore harmony. This was Hafez and Rifaat Assad's mother.

According to reliable sources, the elderly matron emerged from the family stronghold, the village of Kardacka near Latakia, to make peace between her two sons. She was present at the crucial meeting in Damascus at the end of February, held shortly after shots were fired by rival forces in the proximity of the presidential palace.

GHALI

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pects moves towards a settlement of the Lebanese problem before real progress can be expected regarding the administered areas.

Asked about possible Syrian objections to a Jordanian-Palestinian dialogue with Israel, Ghali said he believed the two parties could be brought to the negotiating table without a tacit Syrian agreement on the matter.

Israeli-Egyptian relations, said Ghali, would improve only if there was a new momentum towards a comprehensive peace in the region.

Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Kabas* said on Friday that a Syrian-Egyptian rapprochement was in the offing, saying Cairo was preparing to dump the U.S.-sponsored Camp David frameworks for peace with Israel.

The independent newspaper quoted unidentified Syrian officials as saying that Egyptian presidential aide Osama al-Baz visited Damascus secretly in recent weeks to negotiate a purported deal whereby Egypt would drop the accords in return for Arab political and financial support.

Last week, the Sharjah-based radical newspaper *Al-Khaleej* also claimed al-Baz visited Damascus for similar discussions in the wake of Lebanon's abrogation of its May 17 troop withdrawal agreement with Israel.

In Cairo, Egyptian officials rejected the newspaper reports as "nonsense."

Brazil court probing Israeli 'baby trade'

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP). — A Brazilian court has formally opened an investigation of the "baby trade" with Israel, which according to a Brazilian source involves some 20 babies a month. Each Brazilian baby is sold to Israeli buyers for about $3,200, said the source.

The court investigation was prompted by a Rio newspaper report that said that 19 Brazilian babies were sold to Israelis in February, and thousands of Brazilian adults were on a waiting list to adopt children.

The newspaper said that a woman lawyer was running the operation and that she was in contact with a local maternity hospital.

The newspaper reported that a Tel Aviv travel agency was offering a package deal costing $7,500 and including a round trip to Brazil, a stay in a hotel, buying the baby and its registration in a passport, all within 30 days.

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Country gears up for Purim entertainments

Jerusalem Post Staff

Jerusalem and other cities that were walled in the time of Joshua will celebrate Purim tonight and tomorrow, Shushan Purim, while the rest of the country is recovering from last night's and today's celebration.

The Jerusalem Municipality has prepared dozen of events to cheer up residents, the biggest being the "Pur-Shalom" festival in the Ben-Yehuda Mall, tomorrow between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The mall has been decorated by Bezalel art students, and dozens of entertainers will be on hand. Jerusalem hotels have set up stands where they will sell refreshments at special rates. Performing clowns will stroll up and down the mall.

In addition, community centres around the city, as well as the Jewish Agency's and Absorption Ministry's absorption centres for new olim will have Purim parties.

The municipal sports amphitheatre in the Kiryat Hayovel quarter will hold special events for the children of Jerusalem policemen. The Liberty Bell Garden will be open on Shushan Purim for rollerskating and special events.

Habad hassidim have prepared 150,000 Purim parcels for distribution to war orphans, soldiers, the ill, prisoners and new olim. Habadniks will visit soldiers at installations in Israel and in Lebanon during Purim. Habad women have undertaken to visit the homes of 2,500 bereaved families and bring them Purim parcels.

A group of new olim is throwing a gala Purim party for the children of Alyn Hospital for the handicapped in Jerusalem tomorrow morning. The festivities will include games, a costume competition and plenty of soft drinks and hamantaschen.

In Tel Aviv, schoolchildren from the A.D. Gordon and Graetz elementary schools took over Sderot Ben-Gurion on Friday morning and treated passersby to a colourful Purim carnival of song and dance. In the stretch closest to Rehov Dizengoff, a class of Graetz pupils costumed as the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra pantomimed a symphony performance to appropriate background music.

The Sheraton and Dan hotels in Tel Aviv will hold a "Purimon" today between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. along the city's boardwalk in which clowns will entertain passersby.

Smurfs (Dardassim) will take a leading role in Haifa's annual "Archiparchitura" Purim parade to be held in the Hadar quarter this afternoon.

Dozens of floats with giant model dolls — many of them depicting characters from the popular television cartoon series — will participate. There will also be dance groups, clowns, cyclists, youth entertainment groups and many others.

The procession will start from the old Technion campus in Hadar at 4 p.m. and will wend its way through central parts of the quarter, including Herzl and Hehalutz streets, before returning to the Technion campus for the costume competition and prize-giving.

The event is being organised by the municipal education and culture department and students from the Technion's architecture department. A comic football match between the students and municipal councillors at the municipal Memorial Park is due to take place before the parade.



Superboy and other costumed pupils from the Attias school in Jerusalem's East Talpiot quarter set out on a Purim parade on Friday. (Scoop 80)

Bus fares go up by 40 per cent

Jerusalem Post Staff

Bus fares go up this morning by 40 per cent and taxi fares go up by 20 per cent, the Transport Ministry announced yesterday.

In making the announcement, the ministry said that all future fare increases will be linked directly to general cost-of-living increases.

Holders of urban multiple bus tickets will be able to continue to use them without extra charge for a fortnight.

Urban bus rides will now cost IS35 (instead of the current IS25 fare).

Bus travel from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv will cost IS280 (instead of IS200).

The new Tel Aviv-Haifa fare is IS350 (instead of IS250) and the Jerusalem-Haifa fare is now IS610 (IS440). The Tel Aviv-Beersheba ride costs IS350 (IS250). The Jerusalem-Beersheba fare is IS430 (IS310).

Inter-urban travel for soldiers will cost IS51 (IS36) per ticket.

Tel Aviv *sherut* taxis plying the number 4 route will now charge IS43 and a ride on the number 5 *sherut* route will be IS52.

The Jerusalem-Tel Aviv *sherut* ride now costs IS370.

Telephone charges up by 28.7 per cent

Jerusalem Post Staff

Local telephone and telegram rates will go up today by 28.7 per cent, the Communications Ministry announced on Friday.

International telephone and telex charges will go up by 10 per cent, in accordance with the rate of devaluation of the shekel.

Traffic delays due to TA marathon

Jerusalem Post Staff

Tomorrow's Tel Aviv Marathon will cause delays in traffic along Ibn-Gvirol, Yehuda Halevi, Dizengoff, Jabotinsky, Yirmiyahu, Bnei Dan, Levi Eshkol, Bnei Ephraim, Abba Hillel, Bialik, Pinkas, Rothschild and Rokah streets and on the Halacha Bridge between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., the police announced.

They asked the public coming by car into the city to plan their route of entry accordingly.

Phalange spokesman says

'Cantons sole solution'

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The only solution to Lebanon's problems is cantonization, Pierre Yazbek, a representative of the Phalange-dominated Lebanese Forces told Kol Yisrael Radio yesterday. "What is happening in Lausanne will not create a solution," he said. "The federation of communities in Lebanon exists in fact and it must also be recognized by law. There has to be a Christian autonomous area or canton, a Druse area and a Shi'ite area," he said.

Israel can help, by seeing to the establishment of a Druse canton in the Shouf and warning Syria that an encroachment will not be tolerated, Yazbek said. Israel can also help Shi'ite leader Nabih Berri prevent the Syrians from infiltrating pro-Homeini Shi'ites into Southern Lebanon.

On the same programme, Minister without Portfolio Sarah Doron said now is not the time for the cabinet to make decisions about redeploying the Israel Defence Forces in Lebanon because the situation there is fluid and there may be new developments as a result of the Lausanne conference. "We are a people of armchair generals," she said. "Everyone wants to give advice, but the decisions must be based on what the military advises," she said.

The programme also looked at the Lebanese Army in Southern Lebanon and its ability to prevent terrorists from infiltrating into the area near Israel's northern border. Each of the 2,000 soldiers in the Lebanese Army receives LP1400 (IS37,000) a month from Israel, which amounts to IS9 million a year, it was said. The army's growth depends on the extent of Israel's aid.

The soldiers in the Lebanese Army in Southern Lebanon come from all religious communities and so far seem able to work together. A Shi'ite officer told an Israel Radio reporter he had no inhibitions about shooting at fellow Shi'ites who had ambushed his men. "A bullet causes wounds no matter who fires it," he said, "and they were shooting at civilians."

Bus-shooting suspect sees lawyer

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Only one of the five suspects in the Ramallah bus-shooting incident is not cooperating with the police, according to police sources. On Friday the recalcitrant suspect was permitted to meet with his lawyer, the first and only one to do so.

The man, Yehuda Richter, a Kach movement activist who "commanded" the Yamit suicide bunker, met for about 20 minutes with Meir Shechter, the lawyer hired by Kach leader Meir Kahane to defend the five suspects in the case.

Richter told Shecter that he, Richter, had not told the police anything, the lawyer told reporters. The lawyer said that all five suspects are being kept in separate cells in the Russian Compound in Jerusalem, and are being interrogated separately.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that the four suspects cooperating with the police have each provided "versions" of the events regarding the bus shooting, as well as answered questions about other incidents in which they were allegedly involved.

The police refuse to confirm reports that one of the suspects has agreed to become a state's witness.

Meanwhile, Kahane — whose passport has been given by the police to Shechter for safekeeping to prevent the Kach leader's departure from the country — was questioned on Friday and will be questioned again today.

The police as yet have no reason to connect him directly to the bus shooting incident, in which seven persons were wounded. But they are interested in his explanation about whether his ideology and rhetoric may have encouraged his supporters to act.

Uzan wants more authority for Absorption Ministry

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If the Absorption Ministry does not have its own development budget for housing, authority to deal with the problems of olim without being dependent on other ministries, and a clear division of labour with Jewish Agency, then the ministry has no right to exist, Absorption Minister Aharon Uzan told the Histadrut Absorption Council on Thursday.

Uzan was present only for a short part of the three-hour meeting, but the few speakers whom he did hear made it clear that the problem of greatest concern to those who work with new olim is housing. In response, Uzan said that for Western olim who have professions or skilled trades, the best solution is for them to take a mortgage and buy their own apartment, using the rent subsidy (available for up to three years) until they decide where they want to settle.

Uzan also said he intends to suggest to the Ministerial Economic Committee that dismissals should not affect new olim. "The Histadrut cannot change the 'last hired, first fired' rule, but the government can require that olim be the exception," he said.

Yitzhak Barkai, chairman of the Histadrut's Absorption and Development Department, complained that the government is indifferent to aliya and absorption and that the public follows the government's lead.

"Everyone says there is no aliya, but 16,500 olim came in 1983."

Representatives of the settlers' associations left the hall during Uzan's speech because, they said, they are tired of talking and promises and want action, particularly in solving housing problems.

Another arrest in Haifa murder case

ACRE. — Another suspect has been arrested in connection with the murder of 15-year-old Danny Katz of Haifa four months ago.

The suspect, from the Central Galilee village of Sakhnin, is reportedly a brother of another village resident who was arrested over two weeks ago. The wife of one of the brothers has meanwhile been released.

'Knesset not conducive to polite debate'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

It is unrealistic to expect elegant debate in the Knesset because of the nature of the problems discussed and because the two political camps are equal in strength and polarized, Knesset Member Yair Tsaban (Alignment-Mapam) said in a radio interview Friday evening.

Tsaban was interviewed on Kol Yisrael radio after receiving a prize for good manners from Israel's parliamentary reporters.

He said the one person he had ever attacked personally from the Knesset rostrum is Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon. "I believe in opposing opinions and not the people who hold them," he said. "But when the person in question breaks the democratic rules and ignores moral principles, it is not enough to speak against his opinions."

Tsaban called for teaching the country that decisions must be made democratically. The minority, he said, must accept the majority decision, but without giving up its right and duty to keep fighting for the acceptance of its own view.

He said that the government tends to undermine the importance of the Knesset. "I'm not saying that other Knesset members don't contribute to the Knesset's poor public image," he said. "But the government takes the lead."

Rothschild Hospital shutdown deferred

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The staff of the Rothschild Hospital have decided to postpone their threatened phased shutdown of the hospital, scheduled to begin today, at the request of Knesset Labour and Social Affairs committee chairman Menahem Porush.

Porush had asked the 1,300 workers to defer their proposed action pending his investigation of their demands that the Health Ministry continue funding the hospital's partially completed west-wing project.

In a telegram to the staff, Porush said that closing the hospital would jeopardize the lives of patients.

The staff had earlier warned that they would shut the hospital by April. The phased closure was to have begun today with the shutting of the outpatients department, refusing to admit patients for elective treatments, and starting to discharge patients.

Weekly weather forecasts to start in fall

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIT DAGAN. —The Meteorological Institute plans to start giving weekly weather forecasts starting next autumn, director Julius Kessler said last week.

Kessler said that meterologists are also working on monthly forecasts, but it is still too early to say when these would be available. Kessler mentioned this in response to a remark by President Chaim Herzog, who visited the institute. Herzog had communicated that he had seen such monthly weather forecasts on visits abroad.

The country lags behind other nations in making such forecasts, because it lacks funds, modern equipment and manpower, meteorological sources said.

Yehuda Tokatly, director of the Meteorological Service, told the president that the institute has 80 stations all over the country that collect weather data, plus more than 400 stations, operated by volunteers, that collect information on rainfall.

Professor Avraham Gagin, chairman of the Hebrew University's department of atmospheric sciences and head of the rain-seeding project it carries out with the institute, the Water Commission and Mekorot, told the president that foreign experts cite Israel's project as one of the most successful in the world.

Gagin estimates that the project has increased rainfall by at least 15 per cent, adding between 100 and 150 million cubic metres of water to the Kinneret. This is worth annually about $15 million, while the project costs only about $800,000 per year, he said.

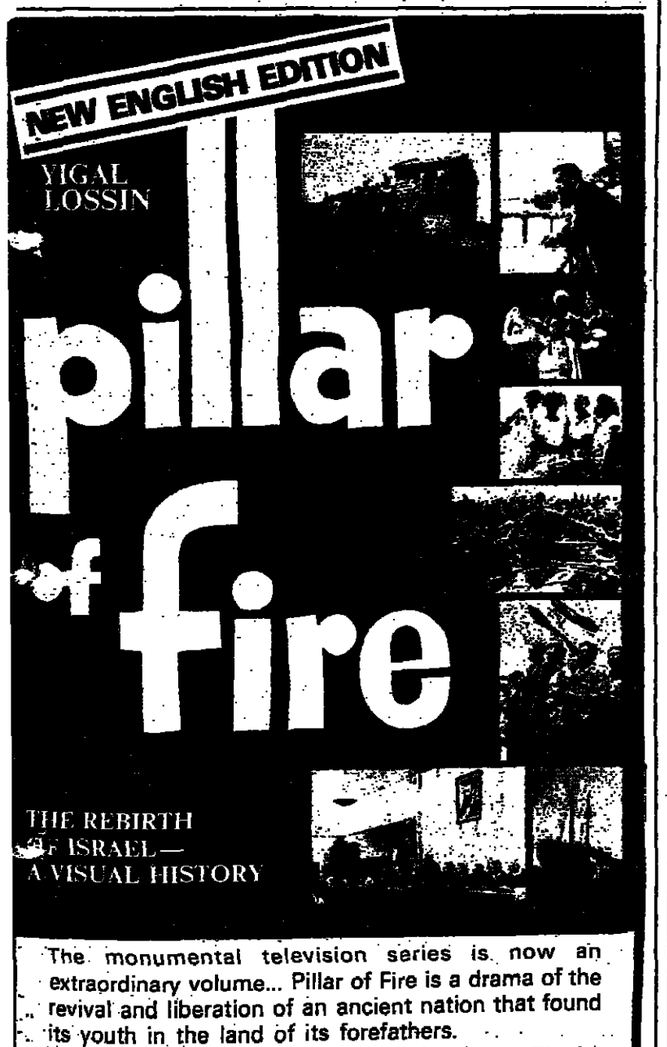
Human-rights legal group established in areas

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"Law in the Service of Man," an organization to promote human rights and the rule of law in the administered territories, has been established by three Ramallah lawyers, Kol Yisrael radio reported yesterday.

The founder, Raja Shehadeh, got the idea while studying law in London, where he as active in a local human rights organization. When he returned to Ramallah, he was joined by Jonathan Kuttab, who had been trained in the U.S., and a woman lawyer, Muna Rashbawi, who had studied in Cairo.

Rasbawi has published two booklets, one on the rights of prisoners and another on how to protect land rights. She also publishes a weekly column on legal matters in the Jerusalem Arabic newspaper *Al-Fajr*.

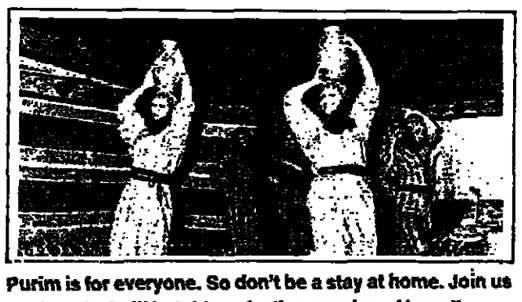


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South Africa and Mozambique sign non-aggression pact

KOMATIPOORT (AP). — South African Prime Minister P.W. Botha and Mozambican President Samora Machel arrived at a rail crossing in the South African bush on Friday to sign the first non-aggression treaty between white-ruled South Africa and a neighbouring black state.

"We have signalled to the world our belief that states with different socio-economic and political systems can live together in peace and harmony and work together in the pursuit of common interests," Botha said in a speech for delivery after the signing.

The text of the 11-page, 11-article accord says both parties "undertake to respect each other's sovereignty and independence and, in fulfilment of this fundamental obligation, to refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of the other."

Machel said: "We are thus laying the foundation for a definitive break in the cycle of violence that has been established in this region of the continent."

Botha, noting the years of hostility between the two countries, said: "We start off with a burden of mutual suspicion and bitter memories that, as we progress, must be shed by the wayside."

"I have a vision of the nations of southern Africa cooperating with each other in every field of human endeavour — a veritable constellation of states working together for the benefit of all on the basis of mutual respect."

The four-hour event, at a tent-city carved out of the wilderness in the past week, began with a meeting between Machel and Botha in a coach of South Africa's ceremonial White Train.

Machel arrived in a maroon Rolls Royce and wore full military dress. He shook hands with Botha, a foe since Mozambique's independence from Portugal in 1975, and the two went inside the coach for an hour-and-a-half meeting before the signing.

Senate buries school prayer proposal

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Senate has overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to permit silent prayer in U.S. public schools, setting the stage for a final showdown on President Ronald Reagan's proposal for a constitutional amendment to permit spoken prayer in the schools.

The silent-prayer measure had been drafted as an alternative to the Reagan-backed proposal. Thursday's vote on the silent prayer proposal, which followed 10 days of Senate debate, was 81-15.

Republican Senate majority leader Howard Baker Jr. said he would now seek to schedule a final vote on the Reagan proposal. But key senators on both sides of the issue said they doubted that Reagan's proposal, overturning a 1962 U.S. Supreme Court decision prohibiting government-sanctioned, vocal prayer in the schools, could muster the needed two-thirds Senate majority.

Passage of a constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds vote in the House and the Senate, and ratification by three-fourths of the 50 states.

Woman who refused to repent gets $390,000

TULSA (Reuter). — A jury has ordered three church leaders to pay $390,000 damages to a 36-year-old divorcee who refused to repent publicly for committing the sin of fornication.

Marian Guinn, a mother of four and a former member of the Church of Christ, won a lawsuit charging that three church elders invaded her privacy and caused her emotional distress for refusing to repent for a love affair.

The three churchmen were accused of sending letters to church members instructing them to dissociate themselves from Guinn.

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Ireland's most wanted terrorist held after gunbattle

DUBLIN (AP). — Dominic McGlinchey, Ireland's most wanted terrorist who has boasted he's killed at least 30 people, was captured with three other guerrillas early yesterday after a St. Patrick's Day gunbattle with police detectives near Shannon Airport, police reported.

McGlinchey, 30, had vowed he would never be taken alive.

A Dublin police spokesman, Supt. Noel Anderson, said McGlinchey and his men surrendered after a brief but fierce shootout with 40 officers of the Irish Republic's anti-terrorist special task force. One policeman was wounded.

They cornered the guerrillas in a remote cottage outside Newmarket-on-Fergus, a village in Country Clare on Ireland's west coast.

McGlinchey is the chief of staff of the outlawed Irish National Liberation Army fighting to end British rule in neighbouring Northern Ireland. The men arrested with him were all leaders of the INLA, a Marxist offshoot of the Irish Republican Army.

VISITOR. — Chinese President Li Xiannian, on a six-day visit to Turkey, arrived in Istanbul on Friday after concluding three days of official talks with his Turkish counterpart Kenan Evren in Ankara..



Christina Onassis weds fourth time

PARIS. — Greek shipping heiress Christina Onassis, 33, married yesterday a French businessman, Thierry Roussel, 31, in a civil ceremony at the mayor's office in Paris.

It was for the first marriage for Roussel, who runs a modelling agency and has construction and import-export interests. For Onassis, heir to Aristotle Onassis's billion-dollar shipping empire, it was the fourth marriage.

Her last marriage, to Soviet shipping official Sergei Kauzov, ended four years ago in divorce.

European Community faces agriculture crisis

BRUSSELS, (AP). — Government leaders of the 10 European Community nations will face a crisis over agricultural price supports at their summit meeting here tomorrow and Tuesday.

The price support system has made the community self-sufficient in food for the last 21 years but has spawned tremendous surpluses, especially in dairy goods and cereals. At the same time, the cost of the subsidies has ballooned.

So far, the community's agriculture ministers — who will meet again on the eve of the Brussels summit — have been unable to resolve the problem. If the summit cannot find a way, the cost of subsidies eventually may have to be borne by national governments.

The EC will take in 25.4 billion European currency units (about $21.6 b., in income this year. Of this $14.5 b. has been expected to fund the community farm policy — price support payments to eight million farmers with practically no restriction on production.

But it isn't enough to pay the farmers.

Gaston Thorn, head of the European Commission, the community's executive body, says that at the current spending rate, between $1.3 b. and $1.8 b. will be needed beyond the currently planned budget to continue payments to farmers through December 31.

The community's main revenue sources are customs duties, levies on agriculture imports and just under 1 per cent of the Value Added Taxes (VAT) collected in community nations. The collections from VAT make up 55 per cent of all community income. The community is not allowed to borrow.

Whether the summit will, in the end, approve increased farm costs will depend in part on the deal British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher can strike in her five-year-old row over Britain's overpayments into the community. The prospects of raising the national VAT contributions hinges largely on this.

Britain is supported by Germany and the Netherlands, but France and Italy have said they oppose giving Britain its latest refund if London fails to be moderate its demands to drastically overhaul community bookkeeping.

If the summit fails to approve extra farm spending, the community could save money by withholding its subsidies to farm goods exporters, used to protect them from lower world prices.

The community could also delay farm payments, or community governments could finance the shortfall out of their budgets. In the latter and most extreme case, the financing of Europe's agriculture, the mainstay of the 27-year-old community, would return to national governments.

White House guard shoots man armed with shotgun

WASHINGTON (AP). — A young man shot in the arm early Friday when he threatened a guard trying to question him outside the White House fence was ordered to undergo psychiatric testing later Friday after he disrupted a hearing with claims that President Ronald Reagan, the FBI, CIA and Air Force intelligence had drugged him.

During his 35-minutes appearance before a U.S. magistrate, David Mahonski, 25, disrupted his arraignment three times.

"The president of the U.S. and certain elements of the society fill me with drugs and ruin my life, like the Communists would," said Mahonski, who came to court dressed in a blue hospital jumpsuit and carrying his right arm in a sling.

Mahonski said the government intelligence agencies "have put a bug in my head which transmits everything I think across the country. I don't need another nut ward. The president has had me in three already."

Magistrate Arthur Burnett ordered him sent for tests at a mental institution, and set another hearing within 30 days.

Mahonski, 25, a high school dropout who lived with his parents in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, was charged with resisting a uniformed Secret Service guard, Lieutenant Walter Gorman, who sought to question him outside the White House shortly after midnight Thursday.

According to a criminal complaint filed in federal court Friday, Mahonski threatened Gorman with a sawn-off shotgun hidden under his jacket when he was ordered to stop.

William O'Malley, assistant U.S. attorney, told the magistrate that Mahonski started using drugs about 10 years ago, underwent treatment in 1978, and began using drugs again about two years ago. He was released from a treatment course in Pennsylvania last May.

Britain deports five Libyans after bombings

LONDON (AP). — The government on Friday deported five Libyans held in connection with bomb attacks that authorities said were aimed at opponents of Libyan leader Muammar Ghaddafi.

A press officer at the Home Office said the five were taken to Heathrow Airport under tight security and put on board a Libyan Arab Airlines flight bound for Tripoli.

Four other Libyans arrested after the attacks in London and Manchester last weekend are under arrest awaiting trial for alleged conspiracy in four bombings and five bombing attempts.

Twenty-six people were injured in London and Manchester.

Nato forces begin Arctic war games

MALANGEN FIORD, Norway (AP). — Five thousand U.S. Marines poured ashore on Friday above the Arctic Circle, to take part in the largest set of Nato war games ever staged at the Soviet Union's doorstep.

The 4th Marine Amphibious Brigade landed riflemen, ski troops, tanks and other vehicles at three beaches off this mountain-ringed fiord in Norway's far north and 384 kilometres west of Soviet territory. Further down the landing front, a combined force of 10,000 British and Dutch marines also were coming ashore.

Injection executes 2nd U.S. convict in 2 days

RALEIGH, N. Carolina (AP). — Convicted murderer James Hutchins was executed early on Friday by lethal injection, the second U.S. inmate to be put to death in two days and the first in this state in 22 years.

Governor Jim Hunt on Thursday refused to halt the execution of Hutchins, who was sentenced to death for the slayings of two law officers almost five years ago.

Hutchins, who asked his lawyers to drop all appeals, was the 15th U.S. convict put to death since the Supreme Court reinstated capital punishment in 1976, and the third to die by lethal injection. The latest occurred on Wednesday when James David Autry was executed in Texas.

Britain picks its first space candidates

LONDON (AP). — Britain's first astronaut, expected to fly aboard the U.S. space shuttle next year, will be one of four men named by Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine.

One of the four candidates — three military officers and a civilian scientist — will ride as a passenger-technician aboard the shuttle in late 1985 to launch Skynet IV, a British military communications satellite, Heseltine said.

Dozens killed in offensive by El Salvador guerrillas

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — At least two people were killed and several more wounded in guerrilla attacks on two cities just after midnight yesterday, military and civilian sources said.

The attacks came a day after a fierce assault by leftist insurgents on a town northeast of here left dozens dead.

Yesterday's skirmishes occurred at the military garrison at San Miguel, the country's third-largest city, east of San Salvador, and at nearby San Sebastian. The guerrillas reportedly attacked with mortars and heavy rifle fire, but were driven off.

The Armed Forces press committee said fighting continued at dawn on the outskirts of San Miguel, where two troops were wounded. One National Guard soldier died and five were injured in the attack on San Sebastian, with one civilian killed, the committee spokesman said.

An attack the previous day on Suchitoto, 43 kilometres northeast of the capital, left at least 14 soldiers and 24 guerrillas dead, military and civilian sources said.

The army blamed the attacks on a guerrilla plan to intimidate people not to vote in the March 25 presidential elections.

There was no report on guerrilla casualties in the attacks on San Miguel and San Sebastian. In the Suchitoto fight, the guerrillas burned down the city hospital, ambushed several companies of army troops along the main road and battled members of the National Police, the National Guard and the Civil Defence in house-to-house fighting, military officials in Suchitoto said.

The guerrillas' radio *Farabundo Marti*, the official voice of the popular liberation forces, said about 400 guerrillas had attacked the town throughout the morning. By afternoon, the situation reportedly was calm in Suchitoto.

Rebels attacked government troops patrolling the stretch of highway that leads south from Suchitoto, halting traffic and isolating the town most of the morning, said a government official.

'Newsweek' photographer killed in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — John Hoagland, a photographer working on contract for the U.S. *Newsweek* magazine, was killed near the town of Suchitoto during fighting between government troops and rebels, reporters who had been with him said yesterday.

Richard Wagner, a correspondent for CBS News, said Hoagland was in a group of journalists when shooting started and was the only one hit. It was not clear which side had fired the shots.

Ousted African PM seeks refuge in Portugal

LISBON (AP). — Vitor Saude Maria, the ousted premier of Guinea-Bissau, is seeking political asylum in Portugal, the Portuguese news agency Anop said yesterday, quoting diplomatic sources in the capital, Bissau.

The sources said the two governments were negotiating the granting of a safe-conduct that would permit Saude Maria to leave the Portuguese emassy in Bissau to board a flight to Lisbon, the agency said.

No immediate confirmation came from the Portuguese government.

Suade Maria sought refuge in the embassy in Bissau on Thursday after he was dismissed as prime minister and vice-president of the West African republic's ruling revolutionary council. On Friday, President Joao Bernardino Vieira accused Saude Maria of plotting to seize power in a coup, Anop said.

Unrest continues in Black Miami

MIAMI (AP). — Sporadic violence continued early yesterday in three Black neighbourhoods as the arrest toll rose past 370 from two nights of unrest, sparked by the manslaughter acquittal of a Hispanic police officer who shot dead a black man.

But as morning neared, the city was "very quiet," said police officer Sue Munn.

Sniper fire broke out late on Friday in an apartment complex a few kilometres north of the neighbourhood of Liberty City, scene of a 1980 racial disturbance that left 18 persons dead. Those riots also were sparked by the acquittal of police in the slaying of a black.

No one was injured in the sniping. But by early yesterday, police said, at least 34 persons, including four police officers, had received minor injuries in disturbances that began Thursday evening.

An all-white jury on Thursday acquitted Hispanic police officer Luis Alvarez of manslaughter in the death of Nevell Johnson Jr., 20 — a shooting that triggered Miami's last riot, in the Overtown section on December 28, 1982.

Former finance minister would succeed Trudeau

OTTAWA (AP). — Former finance minister John Turner, the early favourite to succeed Pierre Elliott Trudeau as prime minister and Liberal Party leader in Canada, formally announced his candidacy on Friday.

Turner, 54, has worked as a corporate lawyer in Toronto since he quit Trudeau's cabinet in 1975. Even before beginning his campaign, Turner had endorsements from six current cabinet ministers, with more expected next week.

Trudeau, who defeated Turner for the party leadership in 1968 and has been prime minister for 15 of the 16 years since, announced February 29 that he will step down after his party chooses a new leader. The convention has been called for June 14-17.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
9.00 Gosho the Cellist 10.00 The Mystery of the Lost Reng 10.55 Dot and the Kangaroo – film 15.00 Rehov Sumsum 15.30 Barnes (part 3) 16.00 Purim Festival 17.00 A New Evening – live magazine
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Two Together – special programme for Purim
ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.52 Samra's Kitchen
19.00 Weekly News Magazine

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup
20.02 Programme Trailer
20.15 Allegro – monthly music quiz
21.00 Mabat Newsreel and Overseas Sports Review
21.40 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes' Smarter Brother Gene Wilder's 1975 film stars Gene Wilder, Madeline Kahn and Marty Feldman
23.10 It's your move — comedy
23.35 News

JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.30 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 18.30 (ITV 3) Nature film 19.00 News in French 19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Three's Company 21.00 Best-seller: Empire 22.00 News in English 22.15 To be announced

MIDDLE EAST TV (From T.A. north):
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ON THE AIR

Voice of Music

6.02 Musical Clock
7.07 Milhaud: Scaramouche; Weiner: Divertimento No.1, Op.20
7.30 Dvorak: Carnival Overture (Philharmonia, Giulini); Halvorsen: Maskerad; Poulenc: Masked Ball (Fischer-Dieskau); Offenbach: La Vie Parisienne; Gounod: Ballet Music from Faust
9.30 Johann Schubert: Sonata for Harpsichord and Strings; Albinoni: Pimpone, comic intermezzo; Mozart: Excerpts from The Abduction from the Seraglio, for Wind Instruments; Faure: Masques et Danses, Op.112; Stravinsky: Pulcinella
12.00 Nino Rota: Divertimento Concertante (Peter Marck, doublebass); Rossini: Venician Regatta (Gilah Yaron); Ram Da-Oz: Pictures on Parade (Sara Fuxon-Hayman); Gershwin: Suite from Porgy and Bess
13.05 Don Giles: Symphony No.5½; Zeev Steinberg: Purim Variations; Kabalewski: The Clowns; Stravinsky: The Fox; Rossini: The Cats' Duet; Quilter: Overture for Children; Khachaturian: Masked Ball, suite
15.00 Morning Prayers for the Spring Fast Day of the Armenian Orthodox Church
15.30 Youth Programme
16.30 Handel: Duet from Esther; Franck: Beatitudes, 1-3; Mozart: Exsultate, Jubilate; Psalms by Hassler, Lassus, Rossi and Bach (Kibbutz Choir, Ital)
18.00 Heroes in Disguise
19.05 Mozart: A Musical Joke, K.522; Music in Disguise – Pachelbel: Chaconne; Berlioz: The Way to the Gallows, arranged for Wind Ensemble; This is the Voice of Music – broadcasts as they really sound
20.30 Concert a la Hoffmann – The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Sergiu Comissiona conducting – works by Haydn, L. Mozart, Chagrin, Malcolm Arnold, Leroy Anderson and Reitzenstein (re-broadcast of programme from January, 1978)
21.45 Bizet: Dr. Miracle, opera (Gary Bertini)
23.00 Music from the Distant Past

First Programme

6.03 Programmes for Olim
7.30 Morning Concert (from Voice of Music)
9.30 Encounter – live family magazine
10.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew
11.10 Songs
12.05 Songs for Purim
13.00 News in English
13.30 News in French
14.05 Children's programmes
15.25 World of Science (repeat)
15.53 Notes on a New Book
16.05 Till Here (repeat)
17.12 Jewish Ideas
17.20 Purim Songs
18.05 Reading of the Megilla
19.05 Lesson in *Tania* by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz
19.30 Programmes for Olim
22.05 Child and Family Magazine

Second Programme

6.12 Reading of Megillat Esther
6.53 Green Light – drivers' corner
7.00 This Morning – news magazine
8.05 Safe Journey
9.05 House Call – with Rivka Michaeli
10.10 All Shades of the Network – morning magazine
12.05 Open Line – news and music
13.00 Midday – news commentary, music
14.10 Open Studio – with Shay K. Ophir
16.10 Safe Journey
17.10 Economics Magazine
17.30 Of Men and Figures
18.05 Matters of Taste – with Haim Keinan
19.05 Today – radio newsreel
19.30 Sports Magazine
20.05 Cantorial Requests
22.05 Light music for wind ensembles
23.05 Third Bell – arts magazine

Army

6.06 Morning Sounds
6.30 University on the Air
7.07 Purim Morning
8.05 Morning Newsreel
9.05 Right Now – with Rafi Reshef
11.05 Israeli Purim — with Eli Yisraeli
13.05 Bats in the Belfry (repeat)
15.05 Purim Party
17.05 Evening Newsreel
18.05 Sports Magazine
19.05 It's not funny – with Yoav Kutner
21.00 Mabat – TV Newsreel
21.35 Let's Dance
00.05 Live Purim Show

CINEMAS

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A maths memorial

A Haifa University laboratory filled with innovative games and books is a permanent memorial to mathematician Marie Kuper, writes David Rudge.

A SMALL laboratory on the second floor of the Haifa University's Eshkol Tower has become a shrine to English-born mathematician Marie Kuper.

The shelves lining the walls and the filing cabinets are stacked with the results of her labour – thousands of innovative games, diagrams and textbooks, all designed with the single aim of encouraging children to understand and love mathematical concepts.

Marie Kuper spent five years collecting teaching aids and books from all over the world and devised many of her own. She also instilled her driving passion for the subject in teachers and youngsters.

The university has established a special fund to perpetuate her memory. Marie Kuper died of a heart attack on February 4, while taking a group of leading Israel educationalists in maths on a study tour of her native England. She was 60.

Her husband, Prof. Charles Kuper, is a member of the Technion's physics department. A son, Gabriel, is completing his Ph.D. in computer studies at Stanford University, a daughter, Tsipi, is a journalist.

The fund was launched March 12 at a memorial service at the university, attended by more than 100 colleagues and friends. The fund will be used to ensure that the work Marie Kuper started will be continued.

"She was a character in the true sense of the word," says Prof. Pearla Nesher, dean of the university's school of education. "She had the energy of five people. We can't even find five people who can cover the same amount of work."

The Kupers settled in Israel 16 years ago. Marie brought with her a bachelor of science degree with honours in mathematics from the University of Wales. She had taught at high schools in Liverpool and at the St. Leonards School for Girls, in St. Andrews Scotland.

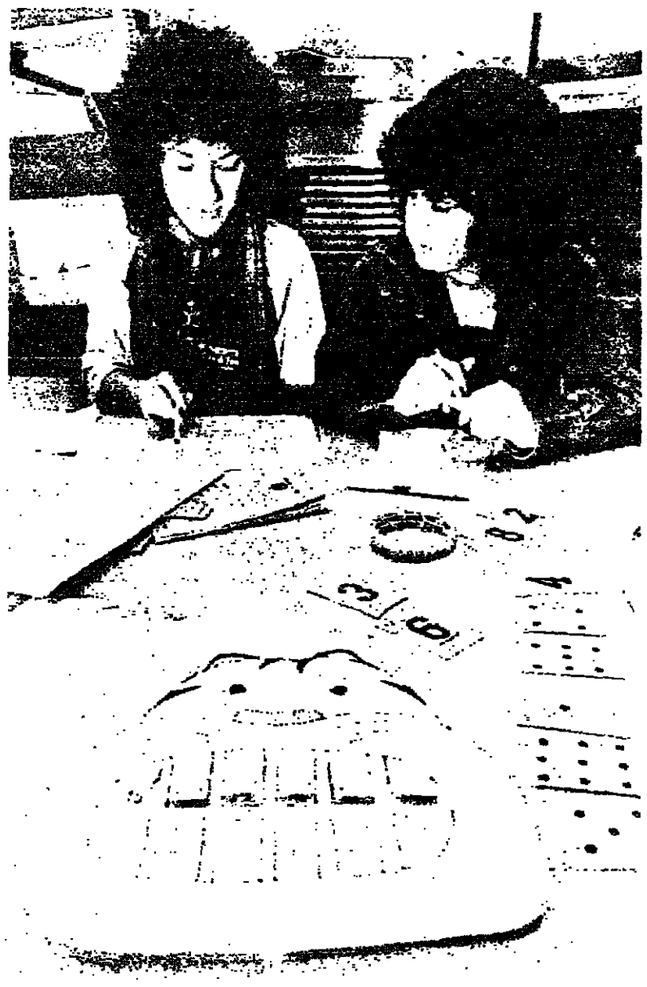


Marie Kuper

From 1971 to 1976, she was head of the maths department at Haifa's Neve Sha'anan high school. During that period she became a curriculum writer/researcher/examiner for the Education Ministry, a job she held until her death.

IN THE COURSE of her work for the Education Ministry, she helped design and write a new series of maths textbooks, which are now being used in primary schools.

"Marie was part of a nationwide team that set the curriculum for youngsters. The books are considered to be among the best of their kind in the world. She concentrated on the presentation of geometry, which was her specialist subject," says Professor Nesher.



Studying teaching system invented by Marie Kuper the Haifa University.

"She collected and collated ideas and teaching aids from all over the world, modified them and, in many cases, translated them into Hebrew. She also invented thousands of games for teachers to use to motivate and encourage youngsters in their study of mathematics. She brought in all the materials for the various games and models – bits of cardboard or plastic discs which she got from factories and workshops. She knew every place in Haifa where she could get these materials, and did this by herself," notes Professor Nesher. Teachers could come into the laboratory and pick out what they wanted.

"Marie Kuper's approach to teaching was often very informal and this was evident in the innovative techniques she devised," she adds.

"She believed the only way to really test a new game, model or teaching technique was with those who would eventually use it – the children themselves.

"Marie would travel half of Israel if she thought she could contribute something. For instance, if a teacher was unsure about the use of a particular model or game, Marie would simply go to the school and explain it.

"She had the ability, like all really good teachers, of drawing the best out of her students, whether they were teachers themselves or children. It was a testament to her skill and dedication that following her visits to schools to try out one of her ideas, the children would always ask when she was coming back."

She also got the Education Ministry to sponsor weekly visits to her lab by teachers from Ma'alot, who were ferried to and from the university by taxi.

"Many teachers used to come after school hours," said Professor Nesher, "which was a measure of the respect they had for Marie and her work. They literally came from all parts of the country to study the new techniques and take the relevant materials back with them."

MARIE KUPER'S research work at the laboratory was also directed to another target – helping less gifted children.

"Maths is not considered to be one of the most popular subjects taught in schools, but Marie believed that all children could come to love and understand the subject, given the right stimuli," says Nesher.

"Once a week she would take part in classes at one of the primary schools in Tirat Carmel to assist teachers there in promoting mathematics. She was so creative that she would always find an easier way of presenting a particular subject."

Busy as she was, Marie Kuper completed a masters degree in education in 1979, wrote for international journals and lectured at the Oranim teachers training college in Tivon. To relax, she embroidered, made rugs and did other handicrafts. The walls and floors of her home display the success of her efforts.

"Among the thousands of games, models and designs stored in the lab, there are probably several that could have been commercial successes like Rubik's cube," says Professor Nesher. "But she wasn't interested in commercial success for herself. Her sole aim was to help the children of Israel to grasp and enjoy mathematical concepts and to that end she devoted her life."

Hands-on

Amy Levinson hears about a museum where the pre-school patrons will be encouraged to play with the exhibits.

"KEEP HANDS off exhibits," neatly painted signs warn people in museums all over the world. "Please don't touch!" Now, for once, the signs are going to say, "Please touch!" — at the Children's Discovery Museum of Beit Shemesh, due to open within the next few weeks.

Nicknamed the "chief wizard" of the museum, director Shmuel Deitel is finalizing plans and seeking additional funds — he has already received seed money from the Educational Endowment Fund, an international foundation, and from personal contributions — for what he hopes will be a prototype for children's museums throughout Israel and the Third World.

"The idea for this museum for pre-school-aged children — and ours will be the first in Israel — originated in museums in Indianapolis and Chicago where there is an emphasis on what is called 'hands-on' education.

"This is something I am very interested in," says the enterprising Deitel, who has a master's degree in early childhood development and has worked with underprivileged children in the U.S. and in Israel.

"The hands-on idea is based on the theories of developmental psychologist Jean Piaget, who believed that a child learns by doing. There is no substitute for experience, especially for a pre-school child from age three to six," explains the 28-year-old former New Yorker, who immigrated to Israel last year.



Shmuel Deitel

"In this country the educational system is not based on children's exploration or interaction, but on repetition," says Deitel. "Educators are slowly becoming aware of this, however, and things are changing."

Recent statistics show that less than 15 per cent of Israeli high school students choose science as their future field of study. This, he notes, "shows that in their early years, an appreciation and interest in experimentation and active learning is not instilled in them. That's not good for the students — or for the future of the state."

Deitel says that a large, unused room at a Beit Shemesh primary school, given to him by the municipality, will be the site for the pre-school museum.

Sound, light, force and motion are the key elements to be incorporated in the hands-on exhibits: "The aim is to let the child see the relationships between these things and the connection they have with real life, whether we're talking about child-sized traffic lights, draw bridges, cranes, or scales with teddy bears and blocks as weights."

In learning by the hands-on process, the child needs guidance, stresses Deitel, but doesn't "need to be watched over and smothered. The child can play alone with, let's say, lights of different colours, and he mixes them, immediately seeing results. Playing with hands-on games gives the child a concept of cause and effect, and makes him feel in control and independent."

The hands-on museum idea has excited both local educators and officials at the Ministry of Education, in addition to many Beit Shemesh residents who have become actively involved in planning, designing and constructing exhibits and in publicising the museum. Residents of the town will also serve on the museum's advisory board.

"The town is really getting behind this and it is exciting," says Deitel. "The museum will be established for small children — there are about 1,250 pre-schoolers in Beit Shemesh — as well as for their families and teachers. We will expand later to include first- and second-graders. I hope to develop an outreach programme for parents who will be invited to watch video tapes of their children playing with the exhibits and to discuss their activities.

"Also, there will hopefully be special workshops for teachers to show them certain games and hands-on concepts that can be applied in the classroom. Applying the concepts will both free the teacher from giving constant attention to the pupils, and will help improve their cognitive development," he notes.

When the museum opens, staff members will visit pre-school classrooms and demonstrate some hands-on games, says Deitel, and staff will also be on hand to help the children and ask them questions when they come to visit.

The museum director, who is getting a part-time salary from Project Renewal, says he hopes that the museum will have a long-term impact in Beit Shemesh and, eventually, elsewhere in Israel — especially in development towns.

"Adopting this kind of a community-oriented programme — the museum and outreach aspects included — helps such towns develop a sense of civic pride," Deitel says. "It helps the educational system and the town's self-image.

"For now, my goal is to generate interest and convince local and international institutions to donate money and materials for the museum and towards further hands-on education programmes like it around Israel." (Presently, Save the Children in Jerusalem is accepting tax-deductible contributions to the Beit Shemesh Children's Museum — 17 Rashba St., POB 7682.)

Eventually, Deitel hopes to work out an exchange programme with the well-known children's museum in Indianapolis — Beit Shemesh's Project Renewal "twin" city, which has shown great interest in the museum here.



(Drawing by Thea Weiss)

Deitel believes that hands-on education, tailored to the social and cultural backgrounds of the youngsters, is a necessity. It is an educational concept that can be used, he stresses, in developing countries' school systems, at very little expense and with great results.

"The world dulls children's senses by telling them not to do, not to touch," he asserts. "Yet it is through the stimulation of the senses — through doing and touching — that their cognitive development is best improved."

Health briefs

PLACEBOS – mock medicines that contain no active ingredients – create the same side effects as the medicines they imitate.

This conclusion was recently reported by West German Prof. Uwe Fricke, of Cologne University's Pharmacology Department, based on a study he conducted.

"Placebos have been found not only to have considerable curative effect, but in 30 to 40 per cent of cases, they also have side effects," he reported in the *German Pharmaceutics Monthly*.

Placebos are sometimes prescribed to humour or gratify a patient, but are mostly used as part of the procedure of testing new drugs before they are licensed. Test groups are given the new drug while a control group is given placebos.

It had been generally assumed that because a placebo has no pharmacologically active properties, it should have no side effects.

But Fricke asserts "the percentage of side effects of placebos is just as high as with bona fide drugs." Patients undergoing placebo therapy "complain particularly about trouble with the central nervous system, such as feelings of numbness, tiredness or headaches. They also complain about stomach and intestine trouble."

Fricke found that patients' complaints vary in accordance with their illness and the kind of drug the placebo "imitates."

"In trials of a new drug to treat depression, typical side-effects – dryness of the mouth and constipation – were reported by both groups," he found.

He asserted that patients "have even been found to become addicted to placebos."

The only after-effects not yet reported, he said, are death or life-endangering complications.

Ya'acov Friedler

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ISRAELI doctors who practise homeopathy, acupuncture and auriculomedicine have banded together to form an association designed to foster acceptance of these non-conventional practices by the Israeli medical establishment.

"No hospital administrator who wants to keep his good name will allow me to practise homeopathy during my workday at the hospital," Dr. Menahem Auberbaum explained at a recent press conference in Tel Aviv. "It is not illegal for me to practise homeopathy privately, since I am an MD, but I am not allowed to write the word 'homeopathy' on my sign... In other countries, the techniques we represent are called 'alternative medicine,' but we do not think of ourselves as an alternative. We want to complement conventional medicine, not fight it."

Homeopathy involves the administration of very small doses of drugs in order to cure diseases where the same drug — if administered in large doses or high concentrations — would itself cause symptoms similar to those of the disease. For example, arsenic can cause type of diarrhea similar to that suffered by cholera patients, but an infinitesimal amount of arsenic can cure this diarrhea.

Auriculomedicine is a specialized form of acupuncture, done only in the ear.

The doctors at the press conference credited each of the three practices with being more helpful to asthmatics, ulcer sufferers and neuralgia victims than the remedies offered for these ailments by conventional medicine. These practices can also alleviate the pain of cancer without the use of drugs, though all the doctors hastened to disclaim any ability to cure the cancer itself.

"No responsible doctor would treat tumours by these means," Auberbaum explained, "and if you came to me complaining of stomach pains, I would not treat you homeopathically until I had the results of a conventional examination."

The only one of these procedures which has received even grudging acceptance from the Ministry of Health is acupuncture, but only on condition that conventional medical practitioners always get the first try with the patient.

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Cohen-Orgad's looming fight with the Histadrut

How the economic cards are stacked

By DAVID KRIVINE

The strike of hospital staffs is the first rumblings of a bigger struggle that looms. At the end of the present month the collective agreement between the Histadrut and the Coordinating Committee of Employer Organizations comes up for renewal. The Histadrut's key antagonist this time is not the employers but the Treasury. What stand is Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad going to take?

His aim is to undo the damage perpetrated by his predecessor Yoram Aridor. He wants during the present year to reduce the level of inflation and the size of the trade deficit back to the situation prevailing before Aridor took over. A modest objective, but essential as stage one in the drive for solving Israel's economic problems.

How to achieve that aim? Two ways, one of them by cutting the estimates. The National Budget for 1984 reveals that the intention is to reduce defence expenditure by 7.5 per cent, and outlay on the social services by 5 per cent.

Even that is impossible without the Treasury's second economy measure: diminishing wages. All wages will be affected — government officials too. The savings in civil-service wages makes an important contribution to the budget-trimming exercise that Cohen-Orgad has in mind.

The official economic blueprint attributes the latest worsening of inflation to measures taken recently for improving Israel foreign trade (the reference is presumably to accelerated devaluations). The Treasury's aim is now to reduce the pace of inflation back to where it was before this latest outburst, that is back from the 190 per cent of 1983 to the 130 per cent of 1982.

As to the trade deficit, this has grown so large that a big effort is needed to make a relatively modest dent in it. If we confine our attention to civilian trade — excluding, that is, both defence imports (largely financed by the U.S. government) and the cost of servicing the foreign debt — we have the duty of slashing the deficit this year from $3,255 million to $2,190m., a cut of over $1 billion, or one-third.

We have to do that because the burden of Israel's massive dollar debt is getting heavier year by year. If we manage to save the $1b. of foreign currency on the trading side, we shall only have reduced the total civilian deficit, including debt service (together a monstrous $4,570m.) by $830m., or less than 20 per cent. And that is without counting defence imports.

THE TASK cannot be accomplished unless wages are lowered, official planners make the point clear. By how much? The National Budget declares bluntly: by enough to restore the level prevailing in 1982. That means cutting 1983 salaries by 9 per cent.

There has been an erosion of wages already, due to accelerated inflation during the last quarter of 1983, but there have also been cost-of-living allowances; and the employers agreed last week to grant an 8 per cent erosion allowance on top of that.

The adjustments make up some of the ground, but not all. According to Treasury sources the lag in wages, compared with the level reached last year, is still, after all the compensations paid, a solid 12 per cent.

The negotiating process is however not terminated. The Histadrut is holding something in reserve for the next bout of wage bargaining. This will be over the collective agreement to cover the next two years, from April 1 to March 31, 1986.

HOW ARE THE cards stacked? Talks have not started yet. By the time they get under way, salaries will have been eroded further by the spell of inflation during the last two months. Assuming this comes to 20 per cent, then a new labour contract providing for a salary increase of up to 23 per cent (including provision for the cost of living) will still permit the targets of the national economic plan to be fulfilled. Anything above that should upset the apple-cart.

Well, what will happen if the apple-cart is upset? Here we come to the main argument of Cohen-Orgad. Suppose that a well-disciplined and patriotic trade union movement allows real wages to drop by 9 per cent, back to the scale in force two years ago. That will be a triumph for the politics of consensus. But unemployment will still go up.

The National Budget observes that the only thing which is allowed to go up in 1984 is exports. That is not quite true. Another important item due for increase is the size of the population. Last year the number of inhabitants grew by 78,000, this year it should expand by another 82,000.

Of last year's increase, 58,000 were Jews, which should put paid to the idea that emigration erodes the size of the Jewish population in Israel. The civilian labour force is predicted to increase by 21,000 over last year's total of 1,402,000.

Unfortunately, the number in employment will drop by 10,000.

If the number of work-seekers is up by 21,000 and the number of jobs goes down by 10,000, the number of unemployed will augment by around 30,000. That increase will be painful.

That is if the trade unions do what Cohen-Orgad tells them and comply with the provisions of the nation's economic plan. But suppose they don't? Suppose they demand full compensation for wage erosion and possibly a little more — a 5 or 10 per cent increase in real wages?

THE test will come then. The Treasury officials give their answer unequivocally. If wages rise by more than scheduled in the National Budget, unemployment will rise by more than scheduled in the National Budget too. What the workers gain on the swings they will lose on the roundabouts.

In order to make that threat stick, Cohen-Orgad will have to keep a tight rein on the money-supply. He must make no allowance to ministries for their increased wage bills; refuse to help industries and firms in financial trouble; deny development funds to hospitals even if they threaten closure.

The real question is not whether the minister is capable of applying such harsh policies, but whether he can persuade the Histadrut that he has that intention and that capacity.

His job is to present organized labour with the country's dilemma: either wage restraint and mild unemployment, in all likelihood temporary; or else bankruptcies, with the unemployment rising this year not to 90,000 but to 120,000 and more. The coming wage negotiations are going to be very fateful for many people.

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET REVIEW

Some analysts predict market rally

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Finance Reporter

In the days of former Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, stock market followers became used to pronouncements from the Treasury as to the validity or lack of validity of investments in shares. Until about a week ago Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad had studiously avoided making any such comments. When he broke his self-imposed silence he did so with a banger. The finance minister's statement questioning the efficacy of investing in shares which had already risen sharply made the headlines in one of the dailies. The statement was enough to awaken the bears from their hibernation. They came into the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange and made shambles of share prices.

Allegations that the Danot Investment company was suffering from liquidity problems heightened the selling pressures in a viciously downward moving market. On Wednesday the selling fever reached a peak with 353 securities falling by margins of 5-40 per cent. Yahalom Hotels and Ararat Insurance saw their shares fall by more than 40 per cent. On the same day no fewer than 47 issues were marked as "sellers only" for the second consecutive session and the following day many of those shares could have fallen by tens of percentage points. As it was, on Thursday there was a reversal of the trend as market insiders were able to engineer a rally which left most prices on the upside.

Many other issues did not suffer such heavy one-day losses but daily 10 per cent losses such as absorbed by Aryeh Insurance for four consecutive days had the same telling effect.

By the week's end the General Share Index had fallen by 17.8%, commercial bank shares excepted.

In spite of the heavy losses, more than a few share market analysts were predicting that the market would shortly rebound. Some went as far as to suggest that a sustained market rally would develop.

Underlying these predictions are expectations of massive bond and savings schemes redemptions. "It is inconceivable that a portion of these funds will not wind up in the share market. Even if only a small fraction is directed into the share market it will have the effect of pushing up prices to considerably higher levels," predicted an analyst.

The underlying thread of optimism was reinforced by last Thursday's rally which came after four sessions of heavy losses.

Nevertheless, the fundamentals have not changed as indicated by the 12 per cent rise in the cost-of-living index for February. Moreover the balance of payments deficit which had improved in January once again worsened in February. There is a continued high level of monetary injection in the economy by the government. While this is negative for the economy as a whole it certainly does not mean bad news for the stock exchange which generally thrives when money is not tight.

World's greatest life insurance salesman

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

One of the world's biggest bargains is still the hardest product to sell. So says Ben Feldman of Liverpool, Ohio, believed by many of his peers to be the world's greatest life insurance salesman.

Feldman, interviewed this week at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel, where he was a guest of the Israel Association of Insurance Brokers and Agents at their convention, pulled an IS100 bill out of his pocket and asked: "Would you give me a shekel for this note?"

"Certainly," came the reply.

"Well, that's exactly what you get when you buy life insurance...you get a hundred worry-free tomorrows for every single day you contribute towards your future."

Feldman, subject of three books on life insurance salesmanship and with more than $800 million worth of sold policies under his belt, added: "I've been at this game for 40 years, and believe me, selling life insurance is just as hard now as it was when I began. Why? Well, nobody but nobody plans on dying today, though in the back of their minds people admit that they may die tomorrow, or next month or next year. Their reply, when you raise the question of life insurance, is not to bother them today. There is no money for that now. Come back some other time."

Feldman, whose own life is insured for several million dollars, spends a good part of his selling efforts on "key man" life insurance coverage for business executives as well as drawing up corporate life insurance plans. "There's no substitute for research," he explains. "Before I see a potential client I make a thorough study of his financial position: credit rating, earnings, family size — the whole picture. You'd be surprised how much you can learn about a man without his telling you all about himself. "Then, when I arrive with my policy proposal, I can make clear to him how much easier his family and company will have it — if he dies — that is, if he buys enough insurance to cover all his debts and family obligations, such as maintaining his family on the level to which it has become accustomed, and ensuring the education of his children. "Many American banks now refuse to renew credit lines even to their best customers unless they can prove they have sufficient life insurance."


Ben Feldman

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WALL STREET WEEK

Expected smaller deficit boosts U.S. stocks

NEW YORK (AP). — After a long, cold winter on Wall Street, hopes are mounting that the Bull market for stocks is heating up again.

This feeling has been spurred by some signs that the U.S. government budget deficit, which has been bedevilling the markets for months, might not turn out to be quite as disastrous and intractable a problem as it has been lately portrayed.

When President Ronald Reagan announced agreement with congressional Republicans late in the past week on a plan to shrink projected deficits by $74 billion over the next three years, there was a euphoric response in the stock market. But even before that, some market analysts had begun to suggest that gloom over the deficits and the outlook for stocks was reaching excessive depths.

"Every problem has a way of generating the seeds of its own solution," said Raymond Devoe, an analyst at the firm of Legg, Mason, Wood, Walker Inc.

In the case of the deficit, he said, the markets themselves, with their recent declines, have played a role in pushing the problem toward a possible resolution "by scaring the politicians as well as the administration.

"We do not expect the problem magically to disappear, but feel that the eventual deficits will be much lower than the boxcar figures now in circulation.

"These lower-than-consensus figures, in our opinion, will be a function of: one, some tax increases; two, cuts in the defence budget; three, only modest cuts in social welfare spending programmes and four, higher than expected receipts as the economy continues to expand."

Many economists have noted that recent monthly deficit figures have been coming in below projections. One apparent reason for this is that a stronger-than-expected U.S. economy is bolstering government revenues.

The idea that the general level of pessimism had gone to extremes also struck John Mendelson, a technical analyst at Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. "We believe the second leg of this Bull market is beginning in this immediate area," he told the firm's clients last Monday.

"We look for an advance to well above the 1983 highs in all major stock market averages during the remainder of this year," he added.

With such upbeat appraisals going for it, the market had its best week of the new year, with the Dow Jones Average of 30 industrials recording five consecutive gains and finishing with a flourish — a 16.96-point gain on Friday. For the week, the average recorded a net of 44.60 to 1,184.36.

The last time it posted a better weekly showing was June 13-17 of last year, when it rose 46.08.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index chimed in with a 2.79 gain to 91.73, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was up 5.28 at 212.42.

Big board volume averaged 92.38 million shares a day, against 79.47 million the week before.

With all the improvement in stock traders' mood, there were still many sceptics on Wall Street.

"If the deficit is $150 billion this year instead of $184b. should we turn bullish on bonds and stocks?" said Edward Yardeni, economist at Prudential-Bache Securities.

"We don't think so as long as the credit demands of home buyers, consumers and businesses continue to grow as rapidly as they have in recent months. Maybe if the deficit were zero we'd be more optimistic, but it isn't.

"Undoubtedly, a lower-than-expected budget deficit will push bond and stock prices up, temporarily. But after the initial burst of euphoria, investors will realize that policies which stimulate economic booms also boost credit demands and risk stimulating inflation."

Mizrahi offers 'no-fee' patam accounts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

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Finnish mark	26.159
Canadian dollar	116.05
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South African rand	121.32
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Italian lire (1000)	91.037
Japanese yen (100)	65.502
Irish pound	173.47
Spanish peseta (100)	98.083
Jordanian dinar	399.40
Lebanese lira	27.290
Egyptian pound	128.59

LONDON BANK RATES

March 16, 1984

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3-months Interbank	8⅞	8⅞

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DM	56.8938	56.1926
French FR	18.4387	18.2116
Dutch G	50.4058	49.7845
Swiss FR	68.9578	68.1078
Swedish KR	19.1174	18.8818
Norwegian KR	19.7461	19.5028
Danish KR	15.5934	15.4012
Finnish M	26.3399	26.0153
Canadian $	116.6749	115.2369
Australian $	143.0664	141.3032
Rand	122.1421	120.6366
Belgian Com(10)	27.8643	27.5208
Belgian Fin(10)	28.9111	28.5754
Austrian SE(10)	80.6382	79.6444
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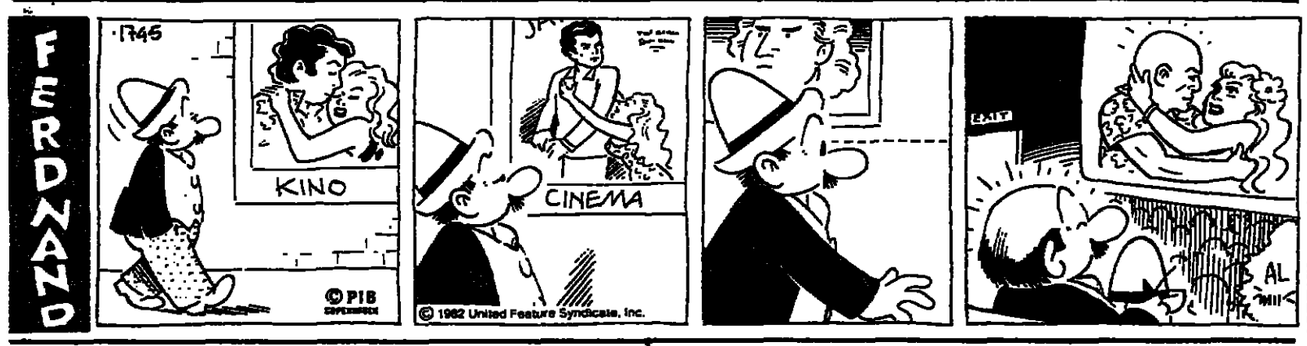
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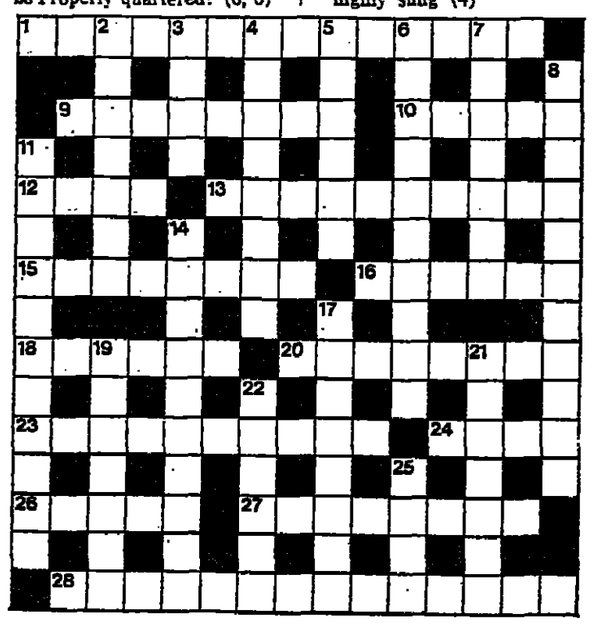
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ACROSS

1 A long hard struggle to ring the bell in Sussex (4-4, 6)
9 Conveyance of Manpower section making the lawyers angry (8)
10 Yes, yes! French and German both aboard (5)
12 Earl eccentric, but genuine (4)
13 The menace of unemployment could be made to cause groundless alarm (4, 6)
15 A term I've concocted to show how far I've come (8)
16 Knight might have rescued her from fifty demented dames . . . (6)
18 . . . regardless of danger? Not likely! (2, 4)
20 Graphic description from parrot switching to Italian (8)
23 A poisonous subject for some students (10)
24 & 19 Dresser won't budge, perhaps explaining why players aren't performing elsewhere (4, 7)
26 How to show disdain for bad puns about royalty (5)
27 Globe's in woven pictures (8)
28 Properly quartered? (8, 6)

DOWN

2 The happiest state of Buddhism (7
3 Some curative measure does give the shakes (4)
4 Spectre-like nonentities? (6)
5 Barely organised as a whisky producer (6)
6 An application leading to some brighter work on the ivories (10)
7 See, one taking another rest, and doesn't get a move on (7)
8 Exposed underskirting disturbed a latent pest (11)
11 A milestone no solitary motorist should leave unpassed (7, 4)
14 Rebirth's seen cancer destroyed (10)
17 The baker's apprentice who enlisted in America? (5-3)
19 See 24
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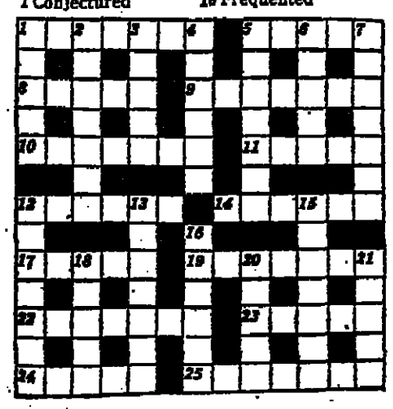
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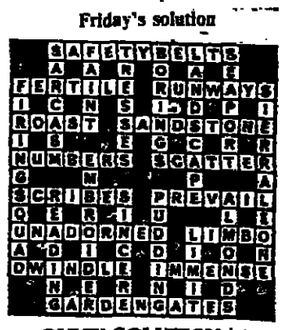
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DOWN

1 A symbolic diagram
2 He has refined tastes
3 Trail by smell
4 Decipher
5 Theft
6 Holy water vessel
7 Struggled sharply
12 Short naval sword
13 Burst out
15 Drank
16 Consolation
18 Banishment
20 Former Indian leader
21 Greed wood-god



Friday's solution



QUICK SOLUTION

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Sports



HUNGARIAN MARATHONERS — (L. to R.) Agnes Ozi-Sipka, Atilla Bauer and Geula Poczos (Aloni-IPPA)

The long run tomorrow

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — More than 1,700 men and women from 15 countries will be lining up for Hapoel's fourth annual marathon and "mini-marathon" races tomorrow, with the 300-plus entry in the full race comparing with only 180 starters last year. The two races will begin from near the Histadrut headquarters in Rehov Arlosoroff, with the 42.195-km. marathon getting under way at 9.30 a.m., 15 minutes after the 20-km. "mini."

Completing the festive Shushan Purim meet will be a 6-km. "fun-run" for all comers, for which 2,400 people have so far signed up, race director David Saidi told me yesterday. While registration for the full marathon and "mini" closed on Friday, that for the mass-run is open until 8.45 a.m. tomorrow, shortly before the start of the event. The entry in the "mini" includes 300 soldiers, while another 1,000 were among those signing up for the 6-km. run.

The fastest of the dozen specially-invited foreign guests over the full distance is Colombia's Raphael Tabiduiza, whose best time of 2 hours, 14 minutes, 22 seconds has only once been surpassed by any runner in this country's 28 marathons to date. Next in line is Joseph Peter of Switzerland, who is sponsored by Adidas, and Rumanian Nicolai Dumitru, both with best efforts of around 2.16. Following them is Hungarian Gyula Poczos (2.17) and Italy's Ricardo Mangione (2.19).

With Israel's top marathon man Yair Karni again opting for the 20-km. race, the local challenge over the full distance will be led by Avi Levi (2.24) and tennis coach Ernie Sender (2.30) who took third place in the last two Tel Aviv events. In the "mini," Karni can expect a strong challenge from American Terry Gibson and Domingo Tabiduiza of Colombia, Raphael's brother.

In the women's marathon, interest will focus on Rachel Portner, an Israeli married to an American doctor. In the last few years, Portner has recorded some notable long-distance running successes, first in the U.S. and then in Hawaii, where she now lives with her two daughters.

Portner's best time for the marathon is a very useful 2.50.41. She should have the field to herself tomorrow, as local marathon star Zehava Shmueli will be defending her "mini" title for the fourth time against the strong challenge of Hungary's Agnes Ozi-Sipka.

The five-strong French contingent for the marathon includes top veteran runners Jean Fagon, 41, with a best effort of 2.22 and Andre Mannot, 55, who has clocked 2.34. These impressive times make them strong favourites to win their respective over-40 and over-50 events tomorrow.

The Hungarian contingent at the meet is headed by the country's Olympic Committee member Laszlo Eperjesi and their other members are runner Attila Bauer and coach Matyas Zigmond. The team, which has been officially entered by the Hungarian Athletic Federation, is only the second sports delegation from the Eastern European nation to come to Israel since the Six Day War. At a weekend reception at Tel Aviv's Ramada Continental Hotel, Eperjesti told me how much the team appreciates the warmth of their welcome here. The three runners from Budapest are undergoing daily light training on the seashore near the hotel.

Scull wrecked

LONDON (AP). — The 130th University boat race between Oxford and Cambridge was postponed for 24 hours yesterday after an unprecedented accident wrecked the Cambridge boat.

Less than 20 minutes before the race was due to start at Putney on the River Thames, the Cambridge crew smashed into the mooring rope of a stationary tug, tearing away the bow section of its streamlined, yellow boat and sending the crew overboard.

None of the nine oarsmen were hurt and all reached the shore safely.

The Cambridge crew had just taken to the water for a brief pre-race practice when the accident occurred.

As their scull passed under Putney Bridge, the Cambridge boat collided with the tug. It smashed in half. The bow section pointed straight into the air.

Since the race began in 1829, six sinkings have been recorded.

Gower to the rescue

David Gower, taking over the captaincy of the battered English cricket side in the second Test against Pakistan, because Bob Willis was injured, led his team to a very meritorious draw, both by means of some great batting and by some equally inspired captaincy. He made 152 himself in England's mammoth score of 546 for eight. Pakistan lost two wickets for six runs in their second innings, but then managed to play out time and to reach 137 for four.

In the second Test between West Indies and Australia at Port-of-Spain, Joel Garner crashed through the early Australian batting to have the Aussies reeling at 55 for 4. But Alan Border (41 not out) stopped the rot on a grassy pitch under an overcast sky, and took Australia to 132 for 5. Garner has taken all five wickets for 37 runs in 16 overs.

In the first Test in Colombo, Sri Lanka struggled to reach 174, Lance Cairns taking 4 for 47. New Zealand are 164 for five.

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Hapoel Haifa make it to the semis

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Second Division Hapoel Haifa won a place in the State Cup quarter-finals yesterday with a 3:1 win over Maccabi Jaffa of the National League after 120 minutes of football in Kiryat Haim.

Two goals by Azni Nasser and a third by Aharon Fadida from a Nasser pass did the tirck for the Haifa team. Elisha Chiprut got a 60th minute equaliser for Jaffa but the Second Division team were on top thereafter and deservedly gained their place among the last eight.

Another second division side, Hapoel Petah Tikva, retain hopes of reaching the next round after holding National League leaders Betar Jerusalem to a goaless draw, even after extra time, in Petah Tikva. The replay at the YMCA ground will take place on Tuesday. This was the 7th consecutive game in which Betar have failed to gain a win and Hapoel Petah Tikva had little difficulty holding the lack-lustre Jerusalem attack.

Maccabi Netanya won their way into the quarter-finals because of an unfortunate own goal by Shimshon defender Eli Cohen, giving Netanya a 2:1 win late in the game. Shalom Tikva gave the home side the lead in the 7th minute. Shlomo Mizrahi equalised from the penalty spot in the 20th minute, after Baruch Hassan fouled Gideon Damti.

The Netanya crowd is rapidly gaining a reputation of being one of the most unruly in the country, and the Maccabi Netanya players and police are not without blame. In the 44th minute yesterday, Referee Yitzhak Yachbass sent off Netanya's Shimon Menachem for foul play on Damti. In the second half, various missiles were thrown on the pitch, but the policemen on duty took no visible steps to bring order.

Netana players who cannot appear for the team because of disciplinary action by referees include Gaby Lasri, sent off two weeks ago, and Shlomo Shirazi, who has a collection of five yellow warning cards, which now prevent him playing in the team's next three matches.

Shimshon players Meir Ben Shitrit and Eli Cohen told Kol Yisrael after the game that there was "a mood of terror" at Netanya, and that Arie Alter, the Netanya goalkeeper, threatened players before the start that they would get their legs broken. They alleged that he incited other players to attack them physically.

Maccabi Tel Aviv beat Maccabi Haifa 2:1, thanks to an own goal by Eytan Aharoni in the 57th minute. Earlier this season the Haifa team completed the double of league wins over Maccabi Tel Aviv, but in the Cup the Tel Avivians have again narrowly ousted their northern rivals.

A crowd of only 5,000 at the Bloomfield Stadium saw Maccabi Haifa play the better football for most of the game, with Baruch Maman and Zaki Arnsell again providing the class. Only outstanding games by Tel Aviv defenders Avi Cohen and Avy Yerushalmy kept the visitors out. In midfield, 17-year-old Alon Natan was best for the home side.

Another 17-year-old, Hai Kris, scored his first goal for Maccabi Tel Aviv in the 12th minute, heading in a corner by Motti Iwanir. Moshe Selektor cracked in Haifa's equaliser with a fine shot from 12 metres. Shortly afterwards, Arnsell produced one of the finest solo runs seen in recent years to dribble past seven Tel Aviv players before shooting wide, in what might have been the goal of the year had the ball gone in. Alon Nathan shot goalwards and had Eytan Aharoni direct the ball into his own net for the crucial goal.

Hapoel Tel Aviv neeeded extra time before scoring their two goals that beat Betar Tel Aviv" 2:0. Shabtay Levy got the first after 100 minutes and Rafi Shmur clinched the result 12 minutes later.

Maccabi Petah Tikva beat Betar Ramle 2:1 with goals by Elisha Levy and Rafi Cohen. Victor Nimni scored for the second division team from Ramle.

Rafi Eliahu notched two goals in Beersheba's 3:1 win over Maccabi Yavne, the first in the opening minute. Yossi Shoshany got Beersheba's other goals and Zion Yaacov scored for Yavne from the penalty spot two minutes before the end.

Moshe Zeitoun headed Hapoel Lod's winner to oust plucky Hapoel Holon 1:0.

Betar TA 0, Hap TA 2 (0:0 after 90 mins)
Hap Holon 0, Hap Lod 1
Beersheba 3, Mac Yavne 1
Hap PT 0, Betar J'lm 0 (after 120 mins)
Hap Haifa 3, Mac Jaffa 1 (1:1 after 90 mins)
Mac Netanya 2, Shimshon 1
Mac TA 2, Mac. Haifa 1
Mac PT 2, Betar Ramle 2

The State Cup quarter finals will be played on April 14. The games are:

Hap Tel Aviv v. Hap Beersheba
Mac Netanya v. Mac PT
Hap Haifa v. Mac TA
Betar Jer or Hap PT v. Hap Lod



MARIO ZACHOWITSKY of Beersheba — stopped a penalty (Reuveni-IPPA)



SHABTAY LEVY of Hapoel Tel Aviv — scored in overtime (IPPA)

United leap-frog Liverpool

LONDON (AP). — Manchester United went back to the top of the English First Division for the first time since October yesterday by inflicting a crushing 4-0 home win over Arsenal.

Capitalising on Liverpool's 0-2 defeat at Southampton on Friday night, United scored twice in each half and moved on to 64 points from 32 matches.

Liverpool, the defending league champions, were one point behind with the next team, Nottingham Forest, a further seven points adrift.

"There's a long way to go but it's now in our own hands, and we are certainly good enough," said Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson after his team's demolition of Arsenal. This was United's 16th league game without defeat.

United, who have not won the title for 17 years, took the lead with an Arnold Muhren penalty after 10 minutes.

Muhren added a second 10 minutes before half-time and further goals from Frank Stapleton (63) and Bryan Robson in injury time sealed Arsenal's fate.

At Southampton, English First Division pace-setters Liverpool were humbled by fifth-placed Southanpton.

Southampton's Danny Wallace sealed the champions' fate with a goal in each half.

Division One
Aston Villa 1, Notts. Forest 0
Everton 1, Ipswich 0
Leicester 4, West Ham 1
Manchester U. 4, Arsenal 0
Norwich 0, Luton 0
Notts County 2, Coventry 1
Stoke 2, Birmingham 1
Tottenham 0, WBA 1
Watford 0, QPR 0
Wolverhampton 0, Sunderland 0
Southampton 2, Liverpool 0

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Manchester U.	32	18	10	4	63	31	64
Liverpool	32	18	9	5	51	24	63
Notts Forest	32	17	5	10	55	35	56
Southampton	30	16	7	7	39	25	55
West Ham	32	16	6	10	51	36	54
QPR	32	15	5	12	47	29	50
Luton	31	13	6	12	44	44	45
Aston Villa	32	12	9	11	47	49	45
Watford	31	13	5	13	58	58	44
Tottenham	32	12	8	12	48	49	44
Norwich	32	11	10	11	35	35	43
Arsenal	32	12	6	14	50	47	42
Coventry	32	10	10	12	43	45	40
Everton	30	10	10	10	27	33	40
Birmingham	31	11	6	14	32	36	39
Leicester	31	10	8	13	52	53	38
Sunderland	31	9	11	11	31	41	38
WBA	31	10	6	15	34	49	36
Stoke	32	9	8	15	30	51	35
Ipswich	32	9	5	18	38	50	32
Notts County	31	7	7	17	40	60	28
Wolves	31	5	9	17	24	59	24

Division Two
Barnsley 0, Portsmouth 3
Cambridge 1, Sheffield 2
Cardiff 2, Shrewsbury 0
Carlisle 3, Charlton 0
Crystal Palace 0, Huddersfield 0
Derby 0, Brighton 3
Fulham 5, Manchester C. 1
Leeds 2, Grimsby 1
Newcastle 3, Middlesbrough 1
Oldham 3, Swansea 3
Chelsea 2, Blackburn 1

Chelsea	33	18	11	4	66	34	65
Sheffield	31	19	8	4	59	28	65
Carlisle	32	16	11	5	39	19	59
Newcastle	31	18	5	8	62	43	59
Manchester C.	32	16	8	8	50	37	56
Grimsby	32	15	11	6	49	37	56
Blackburn	31	13	12	6	41	35	51
Charlton	31	13	8	10	41	44	47
Leeds	31	13	7	11	42	40	46
Brighton	32	12	8	12	51	44	44
Portsmouth	32	12	5	15	55	46	41
Huddersfield	31	10	11	10	38	38	41
Cardiff	31	13	2	16	40	46	41
Shrewsbury	32	10	9	13	32	43	39
Fulham	32	9	11	12	46	42	38
Oldham	32	10	7	15	36	55	37
Barnsley	32	10	6	16	43	45	36
Middlesbrough	31	9	9	13	32	35	36
Crystal Palace	31	8	9	14	31	39	33
Derby County	31	7	7	17	27	56	28
Swansea	33	5	7	21	29	64	22
Cambridge	32	2	8	22	22	61	14

Scots score rugby slam

Four million Scots went delirious with joy yesterday when Scotland, against all expectations, beat France 21-12 in the final of the Five Nations Rugby Tournaments, thus completing a grand slam in the competition for the first time since 1925.

Sixty thousand delighted although rather amazed spectators packed the Murrayfield ground to see the Scottish forwards tame the famous French eight in both the line-outs and the scrums. Behind them, the impeccable boot of Peter Dodds collected 17 points. In the final two minutes of the game, Jim Calder crashed over the French line for a magnificent try.

In a see-saw game at Twickenham, Wales vanquished England 24-16 to take third place.

German golfers coming

CAESAREA. — A team of ten leading Hamburg golfers from the Falkenstein Club are due to arrive today to play a series of friendly matches against the Caesarea club. Individual competitions will take place on Tuesday and Thursday, and the team event will wind up the visit on Saturday. Israelis paid a visit previously to Hamburg.

In Friday's Betterball Competition, Michael and Hymie Goldblatt of Haifa retained their form of last week by winning the tournament with a 63 net. On Saturday, in a similar event, Jules Cubernik and Lulu Gvirtsman were victorious with a 66 net.

The sports pages are edited by Philip Gillon and Yaron Kenan.

PERSONAL OPINION By DON GOULD

Refs need coaching

During last Tuesday night's semi-final basketball match between Hapoel Tel Aviv and Hapoel Ramat Gan there was a curious moment two minutes before the half. Tel Aviv's Kenny Levanowski went down hard under his team's basket while Ramat Gan's Or Goren was stealing a pass up front on his way to an uncontested two points at the other end of the court.

Referee Rami Fisher, under the Tel Aviv basket blew the whistle to interrupt play so that attention could be administered to the injured player at a point when Goren had not yet completed his journey to the opposite basket.

Although it was a gracious move to immediately want to stop play so as to treat an injured player (and Levanowski indeed took so hard a knock that he had no further part in the game), in reality the continuation of the play was away from the injured man and the action should, by the laws, have been completed before the whistle was blown.

A bad judgement on the referee's part. True, in the end Ramat Gan had a more than 2 point margin of victory but the result of a crucial contest could easily have hinged on that mistaken call.

No one is perfect and even the best officials in the world occasionally lapse. The problem in Israeli basketball is, however, that these kinds of erroneous calls are the norm rather than the exception.

As basketball has grown here to become one of the country's three major sports (along with soccer and tennis) great advances have been made in nurturing local playing talent. Certainly, too, the quality of the new immigrant players and the American contract players has also been consistently on the up since the first impetus was provided during the Tal Brodie era of the early 1970s.

The problem is that the quality of refereeing has simply not kept pace. This is particularly crucial in basketball where, perhaps more than in most sports, the man with the whistle is an intricate and ever-present part of the action.

Local officials simply do not seem to be able to grasp the admittedly sophisticated concept of simultaneously reading the game's action and keeping it under their control. Consistency of calls within single games is often sorely missing and there is lack of comprehension about the need to let the game flow.

Sometimes this leads to dangerous situations on the court. Although outbursts are never really excusable they can, on occasion, be understandable. Players are human, not machines, and in the heat of battle are apt to react strongly to misplaced whistling.

The time has come for constructive steps to be taken to improve this situation. Two courses of action suggest themselves.

* Top notch American refs should be brought over and incorporated as an integral process of the learning process of the game at all levels. In this respect brief seminars are not really the best solution and long term contacts should be nurtured.
* As part of the local referee's training the most competent should be sent abroad to polish up their technique and reading of the game.

Both could be costly but are very much in the long term interests of the game here if it is to continue developing on its past healthy pattern.

Olympic preparations get into stride

By TOM TUGEND
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LOS ANGELES. — The five-ringed flag of the Games of the XXIst Olympiad will not rise until the July 28 opening ceremonies, but the host city of Los Angeles is already busier than a *balebuste* preparing for a global family reunion.

To welcome and accommodate 10,000 athletes, a press corps of 8,000, and 200,000 visitors per day, Paul Ziffren, the Jewish lawyer who heads the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee (LAOOC), is worrying about everything from terrorist threats to stylish coiffures for the participants.

The latter problem at least, has been solved with the formal announcement that Vidal Sassoon has been designated the official "Hair Care Consultant for the Athletes of the 1984 Olympic Games."

Once a London hairdresser and volunteer fighter in Israel's War of Independence, Sassoon is now the millionaire owner of a worldwide chain of fancy salons. In accepting the prestigious appointment, Sassoon, Inc. has promised that each athlete, male and female, will receive a package of the company's shampoos, conditioners and hair sprays, threatening to make this event the best-groomed Games ever.

Since Los Angeles has promised to become the first host city to finance an Olympiad entirely through private funds, the selection of commercial sponsors, such as Sassoon and Coca-Cola, is treated with ritualistic solemnity. The LAOOC does not take kindly to irreverence and has issued a cease and desist order to an entertainer named Phranc, who bills herself as "The Official Jewish Lesbian Folk Singer of the 1984 Olympics."

Nobody, however, is treating security threats lightly and no one has forgotten the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes by PLO terrorists during the 1972 Olympics in Munich.

Los Angeles officials have promised the "largest police presence" in the history of the city during the two-week Games, backed by thousands of agents from the FBI, Secret Service, National Security Agency and Treasury Department. A highly secret anti-terrorist army unit, which can go into action only on direct Presidential decree, will be on standby for major emergencies.

Federal intelligence agencies are busy assembling information on terrorist groups all over the world and funnelling it to Los Angeles. Precautions at the Games will include the X-ray screening of every piece of mail addressed to the three Olympic villages.

While security planners are keeping a wary eye on potential violence triggered by the Central American, Iranian-Iraqi and Armenian-Turkish conflicts, much of the unspoken concern focuses on the safety of the Israeli team.

The local press recently reported an inquiry by Israeli officials (as well as from several other unnamed countries) whether they could station their own armed security men in the Olympic villages to protect the Israeli team. All such requests have been denied, although foreign athletes and officials may be allowed to travel with their own armed guards outside the confines of the Olympic villages proper.

Though he reserves comment on the press reports, Ya'acov Even, the Israeli Consul General in Los Angeles, has taken some initiatives of his own. He met recently with the two top Los Angeles law enforcement officials, Police Chief Daryl Gates and Sheriff Sherman Block, to "alert" them to possible security problems facing the Israeli contingent.

"My style is to warn ahead rather than cry about something afterwards," said Even, who is familiar with terrorist tactics as a general who recently took over the consular post after 32 years in the Israeli army. Diplomatically, Even hedged about specific details but declared himself satisfied that American security officials are "on the job" and have assumed full responsibility for the safety of the Israeli athletes and officials.

Once the Israelis arrive, they will receive a warm welcome from the local Jewish community of 500,000, but the achievements of other Jewish athletes, past and present, will not be overlooked.

Rotterdam tennis

Connors beat Mayer 6-0, 6-1; Lendl beat Purcell 6-1, 6-2; Jarryd beat Curran 7-6, 6-2; Edberg beat Teltscher 6-1, 6-4.

SPORTS LETTERS

Soccer hooliganism

To the Sports Editor

Sir, — I was really disappointed by Paul Kohn's report on Sunday, March 4 on the Netanya-Maccabi Haifa Match.

He only wrote about what happened during the 90 minutes of the match. But what about the riots afterwards?

Only two days earlier you had published an article about the problem of English soccer hooligans. Are you trying to hide the fact that Israel also has a hooligan problem?

HENRIK SOERUD
Kibbutz Gal Ed (Denmark).

Squash appreciations

Sir, — On behalf of the executive committee of the Israel Squash Rackets Association and I.S.P. Israel Squash Promotions Company Ltd., I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the cover your newspaper gave to the recent Open Squash Championships.

We, who are trying our best to get Squash on the local map, and Israeli Squash on the International map, are most grateful. As the only national daily to give regular reports on the Championships, we feel that you have played an important part in popularising this great sport. Special thanks to your sports reporter Jack Leon.

TZEMACH BLOOMBERG

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Run away inflation

THERE WAS no surprise in the 12 per cent inflation recorded for February. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir himself said so on Thursday. It should, however, have caused more concern and less self-satisfaction with current policies than have so far been evinced by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad and the government as a whole.

February was the fifth consecutive month in which inflation ran at the two-digit level. Since September, prices have doubled. It is already a virtual certainty that a similar rate of inflation will be recorded for March, and for April, the month of Pessah, observers predict inflation as high as 20 per cent. Having reached such dizzy heights for what by May will have been eight consecutive months, no sudden descent can be expected later in the year. Official economists keep their fingers crossed, hoping that inflation will at least remain stable at this rate, and not accelerate.

From recent statements by Mr. Cohen-Orgad, and particularly from his call last week for a "social understanding" – which previously went under the less lofty term of "package deal" – it is clear that the finance minister himself has come to the conclusion that the effects of his policies have overshot the mark he had expected or intended.

It does not yet seem to have dawned on him that the continuation of inflation at the present level signifies the failure of his policy. That policy was, and still is, designed to send the economy into a recession – albeit a "controlled" one – so as to improve the balance of payments by curtailing imports and diverting output to exports.

The economy, however, refuses to go into recession. Mr. Cohen-Orgad's price boosts since last October have been so sharp and sudden that they seem to have caused a significant part of the public to dip into their accumulated savings in order to maintain their consumption levels. The fact that savings schemes and government obligations in vast amounts are reaching maturity now, and are being redeemed at the high nominal values to which inflation has boosted them, further accentuates this trend, because it creates the illusion of a windfall.

Taken together with the monetary deluge provided by continued money printing, the recession that should have throttled back imports and boosted exports is no longer in sight. The surest indication that a massive demand inflation, piled on top of the cost inflation generated by the finance minister, is playing havoc with his policy, is to be found in the index of wholesale industrial prices. Since September, that index has risen by 109 per cent, compared with the 100 per cent of the consumer price index. If industrialists have been able to raise their wholesale prices even faster than retail prices have gone up, although their real wage costs have gone down considerably, it is a sure sign that demand has risen.

The chief losers in this game are the overwhelming majority of wage earners who have no accumulated savings to fall back upon, or will soon have exhausted the reserves they had. By the beginning of May, when they will be paid the next cost-of-living allowance with their April salaries – estimated at some 40 per cent – the compensation will already have been wiped out by the inflation of February, March and April.

When Mr. Cohen-Orgad talks of keeping the standard of living at the 1981-82 level, which does not sound so bad, considering that we were not starving then, he purveys two sets of half-truths. First, he speaks of the standard of living, but he means wages, and wages only, for he has no control over the standard of living of those who do not make their living out of wages, or whose wages come from the black economy. Secondly, inflation always leaves the wage earner behind, and the higher its rate, the greater is his loss.

The "social understanding" that Mr. Cohen-Orgad now wants means wage earners willingly and "understandingly" accepting what he has so far imposed on them. Otherwise, he threatens, he will have to apply even more of the medicine he has ladled out so far.

His own inability, so far, to curtail the government's deficit and money printing, and the stubborn refusal of the economy to go into recession, make the finance minister's threats even less credible than his pretence to keep inflation, recession, public spending and everything else under control.

Instead of his "social understanding," the finance minister must therefore expect the wage earners to insist on a monthly cost-of-living allowance, and additional compensatory payments. While this will not make wage earners win the inflationary race, it will no doubt speed it up.

A government that still has a sense of public responsibility and of self-respect would have conceded defeat long ago and gone to the polls. The one we have seems to be intent on leaving scorched earth behind.

EARLY ELECTIONS

(Continued from Page One)

for six months and thus upset Tami's own plans.

The same tactic, it is contended, could work with other possible waverers in the House such as Yigael Hurvitz and Mordechai Ben-Porat, who have indicated that they might support early elections.

Another version of events widely accepted in Labour says that Labour is waging a war of nerves against Tami and the waverers, and that at the last moment it would step back from the brink because it would not want to risk the six-month delay. If by Thursday Tami and the other MKs do not come round, Labour will not put its bill to a vote.

Finally, the view is growing in Labour that the Likud is not as afraid of early elections as it has been. The party's performance in the opinion polls is improving somewhat, the government hopes soon to move the Israel Defence Forces out of most of Lebanon and it can probably prevent the economy from sliding too drastically for yet another few months, according to this view. Thus, these Labour people say, the best time for elections from the Likud's point of view would be November 1984. By then, the Lebanon pullback would be a fact, and the economic belt a bit less tight. This is the reason Labour should back elections in July, which is sooner than is convenient for the Likud.

The Knesset does not usually meet on Thursdays, but this week is an exception: there will be no session tomorrow, Shushan Purim.

A question of control

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

SHOULD Histadrut leaders themselves decide on the labour federation's policies or should they pay heed to Labour Party guidelines, since the party commands an absolute majority in the federation?

Senior party members, representing kibbutzim, moshavim and urban party branches, maintain the labour scene is far too important to be left solely in the hands of Histadrutniks. But the labour federation's leaders unanimously argue that if the party messes in their affairs, it will mess things up.

The controversy has heated up since Ya'acov Levinson's suicide on February 23. In a suicide note, the former Bank Hapoalim chief described himself as the victim of a power struggle in the bank and the Histadrut leadership.

Levinson's charges have not helped Histadrut secretary-general Yeroham Meshel, who wants to become the bank's chairman once he steps down from his present job. Some Labour Party members are grumbling that they feel out of the picture.

Their demand for a greater input is not a new phenomenon. Certainly the party had had a greater say on Histadrut policies before the 1977 national elections, when the Likud unseated the Labour-led government.

This reporter recalls waiting, during Labour's heyday, in the corridor of party headquarters on Rehov Hayarkon in Tel Aviv while Meshel, then finance minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and other senior government, Histadrut and party officials debated specific issues. Eventually they emerged and announced their decisions, which were brought to the Histadrut Executive for rubber stamping.

In an interview in the Knesset several days ago, MK Aharon Harel, a former head of the Histadrut Organization Department, maintained that the labour federation took advantage of Labour being in opposition to demand "there should be no (party) intervention in the Histadrut." The party has never been left out of the picture as it is now, he continued.

THIS IS not surprising. Meshel has succeeded in presenting the party with a solid front. His Central Committee comprises members of all major Labour Party factions, and all settle their differences among themselves. It is a tribute to his manipulative skills that there is no running to the party at large for support or to its headquarters for a "binding" ruling.

Meshel controls the labour federation. When Central Committee member Gideon Ben-Yisrael seemed to develop too much independence, he found himself spending several years in a fairly obscure party office. Even Israel Kessar, the No. 2 man in the Histadrut, continuously shows deference to Meshel.

The Histadrut became more independent because it is the *only* Labour executive arm confronting the Likud-led government. Therefore, it does not have to coordinate policies with other executive organizations.

But some senior Labour Party members maintain that the Histadrut has become too independent. Besides Harel, this group includes MKs Uzi Baram, Haim Ramon and Avraham Katz-Oz, and an aide to party chairman Shimon Peres told *The Jerusalem Post* that they reflect a more widespread feeling. Here one finds the push for Meshel's abdication.

Meshel's departure is a matter of time, but it will not settle the question of Histadrut independence since Kessar, the heir-apparent, shares Meshel's views on this issue.

The Labour critics of the Histadrut rejected this reporter's suggestion that since the rank and file voted the organization's leaders in by a clear majority, the latter deserve a good measure of independence.

This is immaterial, say the critics. "Show me a worker who remembers who was the third person on the Labour-Alignment list," Harel said. "Workers voted Alignment, not for Meshel — nor for anyone else."

According to one critic, Histadrut members voted Alignment despite Meshel.

The Labour Party, say the critics, should set guidelines for the labour federation and be involved in major appointments, while day-to-day management of Histadrut affairs should be left to the trade unionists.

MK Ramon complained that major Histadrut moves had not been brought to the party for clearance. The decision to coopt Shinui into the ruling Labour-Mapam-Independent Liberal coalition was taken without proper consultations, he charged.

The Histadrut nearly prevented a party debate on the doctors' strike, "because it feared its position would not be supported. Only when the matter came to a head was there a debate," Ramon said heatedly.

CLEARLY party leaders were unhappy with the system of appointments in the Histadrut. The party chose the Histadrut Central Committee members and approved the candidates for labour council secretaries, but Hevrat Ha'ovdim, which controls a quarter of the country's economy, was too independent to their taste.

Ben Rabinowitz, executive director of the holding company, says that Histadrut enterprises have been fairly free of party intervention. Managers of Histadrut-owned enterprises have to adhere to labour movement ideology but need not be card-carrying members of any party. Moreover, the Labour Party's formal role is limited to nominating Hevrat Ha'ovdim's chairman and secretary only.

A well-placed source said that in preparing the list of party representatives for Hevrat Ha'ovdim's managing committee, party leaders outside the Histadrut establishment were consulted, but the formal decisions and nominations were made inside the Labour faction in the Histadrut — and that was where party intervention stopped.

HISTADRUT leaders agree that the party should set some general guidelines but stressed that too much intervention would be harmful.

"The Histadrut must not be seen as serving party interests," commented Central Committee member Shaul Ben-Simhon.

Some 90 per cent of Israel's workers belong to the Histadrut and the labour federation's leadership must appear to have their interests at heart — not the party's, some argued. As it is, the Likud faction in the Histadrut constantly accuses the labour federation's leadership of being motivated by party considerations when opposing government measures.

"The Histadrut will lose its members' trust if it is perceived as a party tool in day-to-day matters," says Gideon Ben-Yisrael, now Harel's successor in the labour federation's Organization Department.

According to Ben-Yisrael the Histadrut ought to "listen" to the party before deciding in principle on a major issue such as whether to conclude a package deal with the government and the private employers. But the conditions for such a deal should be set in the Histadrut only, he insisted.

Ben-Yisrael also opposed party members' demands for a greater say in appointments. "Bank Hapoalim, Koor and Solel Boneh are Histadrut institutions and appointments to their managements are Histadrut matters," he insisted.

"Would a party appointments committee consider the professional merits of each candidate?" Ben Yisrael asked.

Meanwhile, Party Chairman Shimon Peres defused the situation by announcing he would present the party's bureau with "a proposal" on this matter.

Peres made the statement last week and an aide said it was a compromise.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post *editorial staff.*

INFLATIONARY FOLLY

By ERIC GUTWILLIG

FINANCE MINISTER Cohen-Orgad's policy, in a nutshell, seems to be:

a) The people are consuming too much;

b) We'll put up the prices so they'll consume less;

c) Due to all sorts of linkages incomes will climb again, but there will be a time-lag. During this time-lag incomes trail behind and consumption is reduced;

d) This process will be repeated indefinitely so that, overall, there will be a substantial reduction in consumption.

That this process will entail unheard of inflation has not escaped Cohen-Orgad, but it doesn't seem to worry him unduly. After all, what does it matter whether a family's income and expenditure stand at ten thousand or one hundred thousand shekels? These are just figures which, in themselves, have no significance.

While the argument is superficially attractive a little probing below the surface will reveal its flaws.

Human activities are not just economic functions. There are moral, ethical and psychological aspects to our doings.

One of the foremost rules in an orderly society is that loans and debts must be paid on time. Every parent inculcating a modicum of moral responsibility into his offspring will stress the importance of meeting his obligations when due.

What does inflation do? It teaches him that the longer you default the better. Let the other fellow's money depreciate in value – not your own! A government encouraging inflation is, therefore, encouraging unethical behaviour.

The dividing line between unethical behaviour and crime is thin. The increasing crime rate is one of our major worries. By encouraging inflation, the government is also encouraging crime.

WHEN INFLATION was still below the three-figure level, political commentators were at pains to warn of grave social consequences. On what did they base this gloomy forecast?

They prophesied that democracy would be in danger. People value democracy very highly but the question is whether they value it above everything else.

If they feel that their democratically elected leaders are incapable of introducing an orderly society, perhaps they will do without their democratically elected leaders. For no one can claim that a society enduring a rate of inflation of hundreds of per cent can be called orderly. It is probably no coincidence that those South American states suffering from three-figure inflation are those associated with military dictatorships.

Those who are in private business are constantly faced with the choice of raising prices and thereby annoying their customers, or absorbing rising costs and endangering their businesses.

Nobody likes to irritate his customers and the constant need for unpleasant arguments has a demoralising effect on many business men. It also engenders resentment and little bits of resentment spread across the whole nation over a prolonged period of time amount to quite a lot of national resentment and eventual demoralisation.

WHATEVER THE merits or demerits of dollarization, in practice it is carried out more and more. This hardly induces respect for the country's currency, and since the currency is symbolic of the country itself it hardly engenders pride in one's country.

Planning for the future becomes a nightmare; more than that – an impossibility. Who can plan a year ahead when he has no idea what his shekels will be worth then?

Thrift is discouraged. Why not grab an article today, whether you need it or not, when tomorrow it may cost who knows what? Moderate workers' leaders are silenced. How can they resist the demands of their followers when the purchasing power of their wages is constantly eroded and only monopolists can raise their prices *ad lib?*

The point is that inflation *can* be controlled, but not as long as the present system of linkage is maintained. The workers are as weary as everyone else of the crazy merry-go-round of rising prices and rising wages. A moderate, well-reasoned approach by the government for an accord with organized labour would not fall on deaf ears.

A lot is heard about the need to fight emigration, but to that end we must make our country a pleasant place to live in. For the government to encourage a rate of inflation of hundreds of per cent is hardly the way to do so.

READERS' LETTERS

THE BEN-YEHUDA MALL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I'd like to reply to the article published under the title "Sign removal, miff Jerusalem merchants," which appeared on March 11.

The Ben-Yehuda Pedestrian Mall is an asset for all Jerusalem residents.

The reshaping of Ben-Yehuda Street, which included the restoration of the beautiful facades and required many resources and delicate work, created a spot of beauty. Jerusalem residents and guests from abroad are delighted.

The Mall is part of a development project of the city's centre that includes the Pritzker Square, Rosental Square and the Frances L. Hiatt Garden, which will be dedicated on April 3. It demanded not only complex work but also the reshaping of shops, which are the main beneficiaries of the Ben-Yehuda Mall.

The Jerusalem Municipality did not content itself with the plan for reshaping the shops' facades, which was done with the cooperation of the Council for a Beautiful Israel. It established funds to provide the merchants with loans to make new appropriate signs for their businesses.

We are sorry that this important project did not receive the cooperation of all merchants but encountered the illogical behaviour of several of them who, instead of looking at the benefit to the city and its citizens, are being as conservative and old-fashioned as the street was before its restoration.

The Jerusalem Municipality will continue its work and will support all those who help in turning the city's centre into an attractive place, even though there are people who still live with the concept of a forsaken town.

The Municipality is of course acting in this matter in accordance with the law and its authority.

RAFI DAVARA,
Municipal Spokesman,
Jerusalem Municipality

Jerusalem.

THE JORDANIAN OPTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – Unless Mr. Shimon Peres has it on good authority that King Hussein is today ready to accept what he repeatedly refused to do when the Labour government was in power regarding Judea, Samaria and the Gaza district – then I do not understand what he is talking about.

Mr. Peres continues to repeat his ancient proposals, underlining what his party is willing and unwilling to return to Jordan. It is his famous "Jordanian Option" which King Hussein always rejected, insisting that every square metre of the territory occupied during the Six Day War, including Jerusalem, must be returned to Jordan, although it was lost in a war of aggression. Jordan would not have lost it had the King listened to Mr. Levi Eshkol's appeal to him not to attack Israel. (King Hussein is probably aware what the Russians did in such a case after World War Two!)

There is no doubt that, had the Labour government succeeded in signing a peace treaty with Jordan on the basis of Mr. Peres' suggestions, a Likud government might not have come to power or would have recognized an established fact, i.e. an international treaty.

MOSHE BEN ELIYAHU

Jerusalem.

OVERDOING RELIGION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Last Friday night a boy was born and therefore the *brit mila* was held on the following Saturday morning.

It was held in a hotel in But Yam and there must have been 350 people there. As the rabbi prepared to begin, the brother of one of the child's grandmothers took a flash picture of the ceremony. The rabbi became livid — the Sabbath was being desecrated. This was explained to the photographer who apparently had not thought that this *brit* was different from any other, and he stopped. The rabbi would not continue until the camera was put on the table in front of him. The photographer complied.

However, this was not enough for the rabbi. As he was leaving the hall, he passed the table where the photographer and his two sisters and families were seated (one the baby's grandparents), and when he came to this man, he said to him: "For desecrating the Sabbath, you will not live to see the end of the year!"

The grandfather and his brother told the rabbi that if he did not get right back up on that stage and apologize, he would not live to leave the room; the grandmother fainted; the man's wife and sister were crying even an hour after he had apologized.

Such actions make some of us immigrants wonder about this Jewish land we came to. If that is the meaning of religion, please spare me from it.

SHOSHANA ROUDA

Petah Tikva.

PENFRIENDS

SIY KIM SENG of 6 M. F. Escano Street, Carbon District, Cebu City, 6401, Philippines, would like to have Israeli penfriends.

IMMIGRANT HOUSING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir – I refer to your report of March 6 on Knesset activities concerning my statement to the Knesset Aliya Committee.

I made my statement in reaction to that of the representative of the Ministry of Housing, who said that, in accordance with its policy, the Ministry of Housing would no longer provide public rental flats to immigrants.

I praised the considerable help given to immigrants by the Ministry of Housing in the form of mortgages and the plan to increase the amounts granted as rental subsidies.

At the same time, I claimed, and still claim, that a policy which denies immigrants the option of public rental flats disregards the facts of immigration and absorption. A large number of immigrants who remain for more than a year in absorption centres and in subsidized private rental flats simply do not have the means to take advantage of the help offered by the Ministry of Housing because they do not have the money to pay their share in the purchase of a flat.

A large percentage of potential immigrants, both from developed countries and from countries of distress, do not have the possibility of buying a flat on the private market before their arrival in Israel or immediately afterwards, and therefore the increased mortgage does not constitute a solution of this problem for them.

Our opinion on the matter was presented in a friendly atmosphere at the meeting of the Chairman and Treasurer of the Jewish Agency with the Ministers of Housing and Absorption. It was also the subject of a study by the chairman-elect of the department, J. Aharon, and the two ministers, and will be investigated further when Mr. Aharon takes office upon his return to Israel.

Y. DOMINITZ,
Director General,
Department of Immigration and Absorption
The Jewish Agency

Jerusalem.

DENTAL COSTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – In reply to Baruch Saville's "Not so golden years" (March 1), I take exception to the exaggerated figures given as the cost of a set of dentures, which varies from $600 to $2000 and not more, and especially to the remark, "usually with no receipts."

My sympathies are with the pensioners who have difficulty coping even with these fees, but the TV and press seem to have a vendetta against dentists, which is both offensive and unjust. Perhaps the Israeli public should look to prevention instead of cure and early treatment rather than late. A single cavity, if neglected, can result in relatively expensive root fillings, crowns and bridges, which could be avoided.

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New Prime Minister Shimhak Shampress — can he untie the nation?

Unity government to buy the people, bore the people

By RUBEN ARENSTEIN
Juicy Lemon Post Knesset Reporter

We are determined to go ahead determinedly with the creation of several frozen settlements in West Samaria and the Judea Bank, declared Prime Minister Shimhak Shampress in presenting his national unity government in the Knesset on Friday.

The wall-to-wall carpeted coalition will also, Shampress cooed, aim at a peace treaty with Hussein by offering considerable territory west of the blue line (Ashkelon-Nahariya).

The IDF withdrawal from Lebanon will be completed within a few days, he promised, although he did not specify when the few days would commence.

On the economic front, Shampress proclaimed a "multi-pronged, foursquare, triple-decked, two-faced war on woes." One week, he explained, the Treasury "will tackle the balance of payments problem. The next week advances will be made in lowering inflation. The third week unemployment will be eased. The fourth week we'll take a look at what's been happening to the balance of payments during the preceding fortnight."

The fifth week, if we are still in office, we will have another bash at inflation and so on; etc. *undsoweiter*. The vicious circle, he explained, will have become a hora of prosperity, a ring of rosies, a *hug* of s'*hug*."

He reported his delight at the ease with which the coalition negotiations had been completed and he lauded the patriotism and selflessness of all parties concerned. "There were absolutely no payoffs," he insisted, "no promises, not even a peccadillo or two."

Apart, of course, from redressing certain disabilities that, he explained, had marred the body politic for too long. Thus, "every Alignment activist would get a pay rise, every Likud official a green licence, Tami supporters would get early pensions, Aguda yeshivot, hotels and carpet factories would get double their present miserable pittantic subsidies."

Furthermore, Dr. Burg will finally be granted tenure and Rubinkranz and Guilubski will have a change.

The premier announced with unrestrained delight that David Levy and Yitzhak Whatshisname would serve as his deputies, the former on weekdays and Saturdays, and the second at some other time.

In addition, Voxpop Navgin had agreed to join his cabinet as vote–catcher; Arik Sharon as dog-catcher and Elivic Shostov as flu-catcher. Zevulun Hamper would continue as minister of education and picnics.

A tortuous road lies ahead, Shampress rodomontaded. Let us put it behind us. Our path is encumbered by stones; we shall throw them in all directions. We shall deplore every avenue for, never forget, friends of right and of left, *mitaschmatte, ahneschmatte*, there is light at the end of the funnel.

"I ask those Members of the Knesset who are in the plenum and are awake, we few, we happy few, we band of crudders, to give a resounding unanimous (except for Shula, of course) vote of confidence in the nation's choice."

They did.

Pity, pity, tut tut, say boggle-minded officials

By AVI ANDHOW
Juicy Lemon
Diplomatic Correspondent

Officials in Jerusalem last night were not surprised by the swift-moving changes in the area. "Nonplussed," was how one senior official described the mood.

However, a slightly more senior official declined to use the word "staggering," preferring to reserve it to refer to his minister's normal method of entry into the office.

An even more senior official was about to use a franker term, but his wife wouldn't let him.

The general feeling among ministry lower echelons is that Israel now has a number of options. When pressed, one said "Ouch!"

Israel will press on with its policy come what may, a source very close to a minister whispered.

Circles round the minister's driver admitted the situation was not all that could be expected but warned that one day it might well be. Unless, of course, he added with a touch of grimness, "something were done."

The minister himself was not available for comment but a spokesman, asked for the possibilities, emphatically stated: "Osher osher." Asked to elucidate, he collapsed in a fit of giggles.

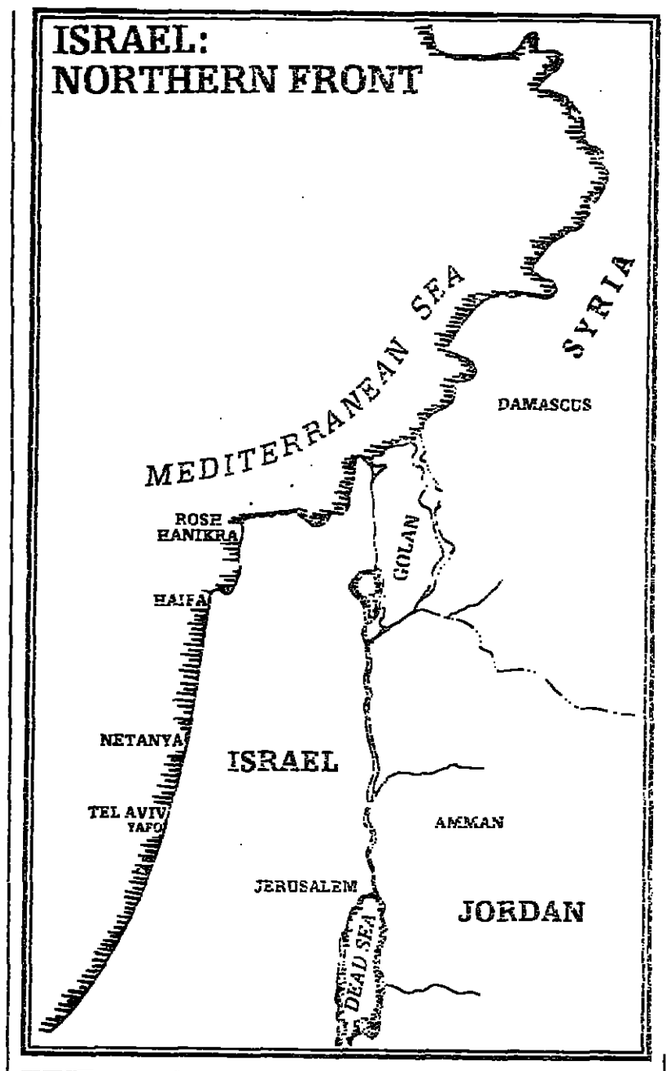
The general feeling was of dismay, rather than gloom, although one source insisted he was gloomy but not at all dismayed. "Dismay or June should see a turn for the better; after all, one swallow does it," he said with a lump in his throat.

The minister's sister-in-law suggested the following scenario: "If they move, we will counter-act, instantly, without hesitation, after the cabinet committee on security will have thoroughly discussed all other possibilities. They, doubtless will adopt a posture. We will take up a position. If they jump, we shall counter-jump. That will Shekem," she tittered.

Our defence correspondent, Harris Goodenough, adds:

The parameters in real time are consolidatory. This was the unanimous opinion of junior officers in the senior Israel Defence Forces echelons, yesterday. The Litwali line would, indubitably, be preferential over the Azachar, provided, that is, the Bekaa was up-ended horizontally, or rather vertically, coincidentally with an overall strategic perspective that takes into account the geophysical undercurrents underpinning the tactical thinking of senior officers in the IDF junior echelons.

There is another option, defence officials hinted. If the IDF stays put, does nothing, digs in, then it would not move, advance or withdraw. Redeployment marking time is the technical term, one colonel explained. "In my opinion it's a lot of nonsense," he confided. The ex-colonel added that he'd never talk to another reporter again.



U.S. has opinion on this, too

By BLUFF HOWITZER
Juicy Lemon Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. – Special Middle East envoy Donald Bumstead admitted yesterday that he had danced with Yasser Arafat at a Munich beer garden last week, but emphatically denied there had been any close contact with the PLO leader.

"We mainly did the polka," Bumstead told the House Committee on Foreign Relations and Unmanly Behaviour. "There was none of that cheek-to-cheek stuff, as the press has alleged. You just don't dance cheek-to-cheek with Yasser Arafat."

Committee chairman J. Calhoun Hogjowls (D-Alabama) demanded to know why Bumstead had danced with the terrorist chieftain, who is known to be notoriously inept on the dancefloor.

"It was a mistake," Bumstead stoutly maintained. "I'd had a few steins and I was cutting the carpet with that cute West German Nato general. Then the bandleader yelled out to change partners, and I found myself holding the hand of this tubby fellow wearing dark glasses and a towel on his head. He does a pretty good foxtrot, by the way."

"I think I can safely say that no matters of substance were discussed," Bumstead said. "I remember he asked me what I was doing after the show, and I said I was making a surprise visit to a Middle Eastern country. I did not reveal which country, because I was on a standby ticket and did not know which country I was supposed to visit anyway. It's always a surprise. I only know that if they serve you that sweet ground-up carp as a first course, it's Israel."

Julius Berman, chairman of the Conference of Really Important American Jewish Organizations, later told a press conference that he was "shocked" by the latest revelation of U.S.-PLO contacts.

"I'm shocked," he said. "This clearly violates the agreement barring close contact with the PLO. It's well known, for example, that shuffleboard is permitted, but that arm-wrestling is forbidden. When it comes to dancing, jitterbugging is allowed, as long as no physical contact is made, but foxtrotting is definitely out. I would also like to know who led in the foxtrot."

President Reagan, who is vacationing at his Santa Barbara ranch where he is undergoing the W.H. Auden Wrinkle Treatment, dismissed the scandal with his customary aplomb.

"This is not a withdrawal but a redeployment," the president told reporters. "We're keeping the marines at sea to guard against infiltration of Beirut harbour by Druse dolphins. I would also like to point out that the difference between UN Resolution 338 and UN Resolution 242 is UN Resolution 96."

In another development, Defence Secretary Caspar Whineburger reiterated yesterday that the Rapid Deployment Force to be established in Jordan will in no way be a threat to the Jewish state.

"The fact that we have agreed to give the spunky little king 16.000 nuclear-tipped Circumcisor wog-to-yid ballistic missiles should in no way worry Israel. We have taken certain measures to safeguard against that."

Pressed to explain those safeguards, Whineburger said that all operating instructions for the missiles are printed in Rashi script.

What's a nice reporter like me doing here?

Rimon Robinberg examines the background to the economic crisis.

NOW ONLY YIGAL "Cut-throat" Cohen-Orgad is inside, doing time. The others are out, going straight, they say. "Red" Simha is dead, a victim of the vicious infighting that has wracked the Free Market gang since it established its domination over the turf in 1977. They all had their brief day of glory, but the attrition rate was fierce. Now "Cut-throat," a member of the younger generation, is alone.

Once they were all equals, petty monetary gangsters united against the big boys, the Socialist gang. They controlled a few streets in south Tel Aviv, running a small protection racket, dealing a little jingoistic dope. Small stuff. But they had time on their hands and they were hungry. Years on the street had made them canny and mean.

The Socialists had run the joint too long. They had grown flabby, careless, greedy. Their protection network was over-extended; they could no longer deliver the goods. The young bucks on the street wanted a change.

When the takeover finally came in 1977 it was brutal. By the time the Socialist gang finally awoke from their power-induced stupor to what was happening, it was too late. Some of their top boys, neighbourhood strongmen, saw the writing on the wall and slipped out quietly in the night to join Yigal "Prof" Yadin's gang. Second-raters, snitches, they joined forces with the Free Market gang when the blood-letting was over.

When the smoke cleared it was obvious that the Socialist boys had been wiped off the streets. The Free Market gang had arrived.

With "Red" Simha, whose mild exterior belied his killer instinct, at their head, they changed the rules of the game on the streets. According to Monetarist Squad chief Rav-Pakad Milton Friedman, they opened up rackets that had formerly been tightly controlled by the Socialist gang. Foreign currency deals, political prostitution, big-time numbers games – it was the hey-day of the underworld.

But it was vicious out on the streets: big money was changing hands and younger thugs were trying to muscle in on the action. The stakes were flying high. "Red" Simha, the gentleman gangster, didn't have what it takes to control the rapidly inflated network.

The Razor Clique, headed by Yigael "Budget-Cutter" Hurwitz, engineered his downfall. "Red" Simha went into enforced retirement, pimping the occasional foreign loan just to keep his hand in. He died mysteriously last year in a hail of invective from the Fat Man, who accused him of having contacts with a representative of the American Mob. The case was never solved.

Hurwitz did not last long at the top, despite his renown with the razor and the tight belt. The Free Market gang had grown used to the good life. They drove fancy limousines and snorted the purest Colombian imports. They resented Hurwitz's attempts to change their lifestyle and impose discipline on the street.

Hurwitz had been an outsider; only his fearsome reputation and his family connections had landed him on the "throne." When the time came to do him in, it came from the inside. The contract was taken up by Yoram "Dollar" Aridor, a second generation member of the Infighting Family and reputedly an intimate of M. (for Mugsy) Begin, the Godfather, the *Capo del Capo*.

Aridor lasted three years in the hot seat, and for a while the going was good. He brutally eradicated all traces of Hurwitz's rampage and, in true Sicilian fashion, introduced the *dolce vita* to the streets. Armed robbery of the future to pay for the present flourished. Lower ranking members of the gang fenced huge amounts of hot automobiles, refrigerators and videos. Coldheartedly, Aridor overvalued the

(Continued on, er, page um. I know I put the rest of it somewhere. Rega. Nu, just turn the page and maybe you'll find it if you're really interested.)

By MOIRA LORELEI
Juicy Lemon Post Reporter

ROSH HANIKRA. — An easy hush settled over the northern border yesterday and onagers grazed peacefully right up to the front line. Two convicts who had escaped last Wednesday week from the Beersheba lockup turned back angrily at the checkpost here and gave your reporter the startling news: Lebenoff has gone!

Hastily donning her bicycle clips, your reporter rushed to the scene and was able to confirm the convicts' unlikely story. Indeed, there was no Lebenoff.

Twiddling her transistor, your reporter heard Radio Monte Carlo repeat the dramatic announcement: "President Jimmy Yel has decreed the dissolution of Lebenoff."

The radio's Middle East correspondent somewhere off the Levant coast gave the following details:

At a stormy session of the Lebenoff national reconciliation, consolidation and no-crying-over-spilled-arak committee, the president reported on his efforts to keep the country together.

He revealed that Bank Hapoalim had been secretly negotiating a take-over of Lebenoff, as had been reported in the Tel Aviv drug addicts' gazette, *Had a shot*, but Giora Gazoz had vetoed the plan, saying, "Who do you think I am, pal."

There were boos from the Booze. Jimmy Yel phlinged and rose trembling to his feet. "I'm fed up," yelled Yel.

"Good," cried Wally Jumpalot, the Booze fighters' leader. "We'll take over."

Up popped Nebech Berry to lead his delegation in the raucous chanting of "For Shi'as a jolly good fellow ... and so slay all of us."

No Sunni said than done.

When order had been restored and the empty chairs removed, Jimmy Yel noted sagely, "You should have stayed off your ego trip, O liberator." And he added in his impeccable English: "You should have known which Sidon your bread is buttered. I'll not try to Aley your fears. Let's all git while the going's good."

Whereupon the Sheenie and the Flinch and the Kuni and the He'lite delegations all rushed for the boats, pausing on the way solely to pick up a few tanker-loads to settle each other's hash.

The last one out pulled the plug.

Pundits pontificate on plausible postulates

By BERNIE DOWTIN
Midyeast Affairs Reporter

Rumours of medium-range-reaching changes in the situation in Lebenoff had not been confirmed last week by cautious observers known for their closeness to the accepted observation point from which they can throw a detached glance once in a while at what is supposed to be going on well, not quite under their noses, but, as was predicted in these columns a number of weeks ago, not too far from their Middle East weeklies.

Come what may, had Israel played its cards properly, indeed, had it any cards, indeed, had it been invited to the game in the first place and indeed had there ever been a game, things might have turned out differently, if indeed they had turned out at all.

And the Soviet Union.

CORRECTION

Archibald Abuweinstein is not the minister for words, as was reported yesterday. Nor is he minister for public works as we meant to write. He is in fact a nobody. The minister for public works is also a nobody but that isn't really our business, you elected him.

ANOTHER CORRECTION

The recipe for cholent appearing in Friday's magazine section should have said "insert *fork*", and not an unmentionable, but some say rather tasty, edible.

Triple diddle riddle quibble

By BRILL BIN-NUN
Juicy Lemon Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. – A tripartite package deal was tied up here late last night after lengthy, marathon all-day negotiations between the three main factors in the economy – the Histadrut, representing labour council secretaries; the Treasury, representing the Government Printer, and the coordinating committee of economic organizations representing some nebulous, amorphous group whom this reporter has as yet been unable to identify.

The wrapped-up package should ensure complete industrial peace for at least the next five days. It represents a victory for our side, and of guile over the vicious underground, unpatriotic, machinations of our opponents, spokesmen for all three parties told the *Juicy Lemon Post*.

The triple deal provides three things:

1. Celery will not be raised this year.
2. No more taxis will be imported.
3. There will be an absolute prize freeze.

The first point was achieved reasonably easily and with little difficulty after Pessah Grupper pointed out, betraying a hitherto unknown knowledge of Biblical literature, that the winter is passed and the voice of the Texas dove is heard in the land.

The taxi decision came after protracted international contacts, involving several visits to the Middle East by the West German chancellor who was persuaded to send to Saudi Arabia every Mercedes now being produced so as to compensate that oil-rich desert kingdom for the lack of Leopards.

The prize freeze was the most difficult to conclude, involving the necessity to soothe the ruffled feelings of 2,475,839 citizens each of whom considered himself or herself worthy of at least one prize this year. It was explained to them that no one expected the freeze to last forever, after all even the ice age slithered into a few stagnant glaciers, and that their turn would come in due course.

The arrangement is for all living prize-winners to put their distinctions into a hat – it had better be Avraham Shapiro's – and they would be distributed anew. Thus, the Bialik Prize winners of 1947 could now find themselves Distinguished Citizens of Dimona; the Hon. Doc. cum louder of the Weizmann Institute in 1958 would henceforth, or at least until the next draw, be the Outstanding Policeman of 1979; the recipient of Grushinski Prize for Geriatrics, 1982, might get the Vetlesen Prize in earth sciences, and so on.

Asked to comment on the agreement, Histadrut chief Meshel said this was the biggest increase in the index for March since the last biggest March increase in the index and the workers will take action. He did not specify which action. He added that he was still in control at the Vada Poel and that Yisrael Kessar could kess his argument goodbye.

Jewish Agency finds something to do

By JODIE SQUIGGLE
Juicy Lemon Post Reporter

The Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization last night decided to disband, by a unanimous vote of the board of governors.

The two bodies are to be reorganized into a travel and entertainment conglomerate, to be known as the Zionist World Agency (ZWA).

The ZWA, which will be headed by the former chairman of its defunct predecessors, Arye Dulzin, is to be run on a strictly profit-making basis.

The key money-making component of the new conglomerate is to be a large amusement park complex situated in the former Jewish Agency/WZO headquarters on Jerusalem's King George Street. "It will be kind of a combination of Disneyland and Beth Hatefutsoth," Dulzin explained.

The park, to be known tentatively as Herzland, will feature rides and other amusements based on well-known Zionist themes. But while similar ventures make use of lifelike, mechanized manequins that speak and move among the exhibits, Herzland will feature real-life Zionist personalities. These will provide the often-lacking human touch, for as long as they remain available.

The travel agency, to be called Tour Ve'red, will probably be the quickest profit-maker for ZWA since, under a previously undisclosed coalition agreement that appears to have paved the way for the reorganization, all Israeli citizens seeking to travel abroad will be obliged to book their arrangements with it.

"For much of the history of the state, Jews seeking to come here could do so only with the help of the Jewish Agency," Dulzin pointed out with pride.

"Now that so much travel seems to be in the other direction, we think it only fair that the ZWA be the sole, recognized travel representative of the Jewish people," Dulzin declared.



OFF TO THE OLYMPICS — Israel's bingo team (third from left) Morris dance troupe (third from right) and Polish vault champion (centre) emplane for the Los Angeles Olympics escorted by their respective trainers, managers, seconds, thirds, bodyguards, stone-throwers (note the bag), uncles and creditors. The women went on another plane.

Cult Enoshomo given a hot time

AFAD. – Northern District police raided a yeshiva here at dawn yesterday and arrested 10 suspected heroin users.

"Caught 'em right in the act," said police Chief Rav-Nitzav Azulai Agamon. "We busted in at 5 a.m. and there were these 10 men rolling up their sleeves and tying these black rags on their biceps to make their veins pop out. Some of them were moaning and chanting, too. We suspect a drug cult."

Police said they also confiscated a number of suspicious sweet-smelling substances, which the yeshiva men insisted were for use in some Saturday evening ritual. An undisclosed amount of wine was also found.

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Spinning our wheels

THE PROPOSAL is not without merit, and it ill behooves us to dismiss it out of hand just because it originated with the Likud government, which is usually sufficient grounds for doing so. As is well-known, this newspaper has, on occasions too numerous to mention or to remember, taken a vigorous and courageous stand against the rising tide of traffic accidents, which has prompted many reckless drivers to cancel their subscriptions.

Thus we would all be well-advised to ponder the implications of this proposal, but without straining ourselves too much and without the pessimism produced by petty preconceptions of partisan prejudice.

True, the technical changes required by the proposal to reduce the appalling rate of traffic accidents would commit the unpardonable sin of increasing the already unspeakable burden on our budget deficit of unmentionable proportions, thus further incapacitating our productive capacity and propelling the propensity to save down the tubes.

And yet, what are a few extra zeros in the budget deficit compared with a few less zeros in the budget deficit? What indeed? (If anyone knows the answer to this question, please send it Posthaste to our Letters to the Editor column.)

Therefore it is high time to re-examine our national priorities and our overseas shnororities, to take stock of our economic shlock, and to question further subsidies for basic commodities and incidental oddities.

The proposal could profoundly affect our relations with the Eastern Bloc, where it could apparently be possibly interpreted as a slight against Communism. Protestations that it is but a slight slight, a minor sock to the Bloc, would be to no avail. The international repercussions would hit us foursquare in the diplomatic pouch, no doubt leading to the cancellation of the forthcoming visit to Israel of the Warsaw chapter of the Dahn Ben-Amotz literary circle that has done so much toward reviving Hebrew culture behind the Iron Curtain.

This is not to gainsay, however, that the move could relieve our current plight with the Western Bloc, if the slight would be seen as precipitating a blight on our relations with the East. But then again, dropping the proposal at this delicate stage, due to diplomatic fright of the blight caused by the slight, would worsen our plight and reinforce our image as a "crazy state," in keeping with the maxim of international relations that "out of slight, out of mind."

Thus, after examining the proposal from all sides, weighing its effects on our foreign and domestic situation, taking account of the internal and external repercussions, analysing the meaning of the proposal for our friends and foes, pondering its implications for the future of Zionism and the Jewish People, we have concluded that it would redound to the benefit of the general welfare if the red lights in traffic signals were to be replaced with blue ones, so that the command to stop at an intersection would be reinforced by the spirit of patriotism, thus reducing the prevailing impulse to charge at the red light when it blinks on.

Post nasal drip



Israel's Minister of Neurotic Affairs Atan Ormali met with a delegation of visiting manic depressives recently. Speaking at a seminar to discuss the country's chronic overdraft problems, entitled 'Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Cheques But Were Afraid To Ask,' Ormali complained that the economic situation is making Israelis ill. Ormali was at pains to explain how the average Israeli psychotic neurotic could not afford even a basic hypochondria.

"There's only two sure things in life in Israel," bellyached Ormali. "Debt and taxes." Ormali whined that Finance Minister Nimas Lee is picking on paranoids. "All they do is take the money and run. Do they use our taxes to build more pharmacies for the woebegotten public? No, but every street corner has to have a bank. Who needs banks?" he moaned, biting his nails.

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MKs find a way of getting a government with balls

By ASHTON GOULDFISH
Juicy Lemon Post Sports Reporter

Israelis went delirious with joy when the Knesset passed the third reading of the Election Law (Amendment) and Purim Basketball Match Act. Exultant citizens danced with joy in the streets; the popping of champagne corks sounded like an Uzi fusillade. One old-timer, weeping emotionally, said: "It reminds me of Independence Day, 1948, except that it is totally different — then our happiness was tempered by anxiety. Now there is no cloud in the sky."

The Act substitutes a basketball match for the general elections that used to provoke utter, utter ennui. The match will be played on Purim. The political party winning it will get the government, while the losers receive Hevrat Ha'ovdim. Bank Hapoalim and Mifal Hapayis as a consolation prize.

But, while the citizenry danced, drank and made merry, wiser and cooler heads were analysing the details of the Act and calculating the chances of the contestants.

Too late, the small parties realised at last why the Likud and Labour parties had artfully got together to agree on a last-minute "slight technical amendment" to the draft Act, by adding the words "or their spouses" to the clause, "Teams shall be chosen from members of the Knesset."

Enterprising journalists had picked up a leak that Likud was negotiating a "basketball marriage" between Miriam Ta'asa-Glazer and Kareem Abdul-Jabaar of the Los Angeles Lakers, while the Alignment were trying to entice Julius Ervine (Dr. J.) of the Philadelphia 76ers to enter into a basketball romance with Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino.

Shlomo Lorincz and the Council of Sages at once warned the two Americans that they could never hope to find their final resting-places in any cemetery in Israel.

Shimon Peres justified his dealing with Ervine by saying: "Because of Likud policy, there has been a brain drain of doctors from Israel to the U.S. It is a patriotic act to reverse that intellectual brain drain by getting Dr. J. as an immigrant."

There is some doubt as to whether Avraham Shapiro, the famous playmaker of the coalition, will turn out for the government. Shapiro, vital statistics: 207 cms. (circumference), is playing hard to get. He is said to be insisting on a guarantee of an import permit for his Lincoln and repayment of the cost of his daughter's wedding.

"I'm still an amateur," he insisted, "But I want what's due to me. That wedding provided more fun for the nation than any event since last Yom Kippur."

Finance Minister Cohen-Orgad grumbled that if he covered the cost of the wedding he would have to close down half the schools in the country, eliminate four squadrons of fighters and print 30 billion shekels. "It will get Shapiro into the Guinness Book of Records as the highest paid sportsman of all time," he claimed.

There is some doubt about the ability of the Likud's captain, Yitzhak Shamir (vital statistics: microscopic) to hold his team together. Nobody questions his ability to get under the baskets, but can he get on top of them? That is the great question generating a crisis in Likud. David Levy refuses to pass any balls to him, and Arik Sharon keeps trying to run him over with a tractor. Tami say that they will play under him, provided he gives Aharon Abuhatzeira a free pardon and a trifling contribution to his charity ("Charity Begins at Home") chest. There is even some talk of begging that old veteran, nicknamed "The King," to come out of hiding to save the Likud.

But the Labour Party has just as many troubles. They have two players who both insist that they are the captains and playmakers and who block all each other's plays, tackle each other by foul means or foul and are generally dedicated to ensuring that their opponents should win.

Rumour has it that the Labour Party may sideline both of them and introduce a new playmaker who has gone into the wilderness for 40 days to ask the Almighty what the terms of his contract should be. Labour also has doubts whether Yossi Sarid, the offensive left guard, has the physique to withstand a flat-out drive by his opposite number, right wing Geula Cohen.

The final problem is finding anybody brave enough to referee this match. Petitions have been addressed to the Lord to take on the job, but so far He is proving very coy about it.

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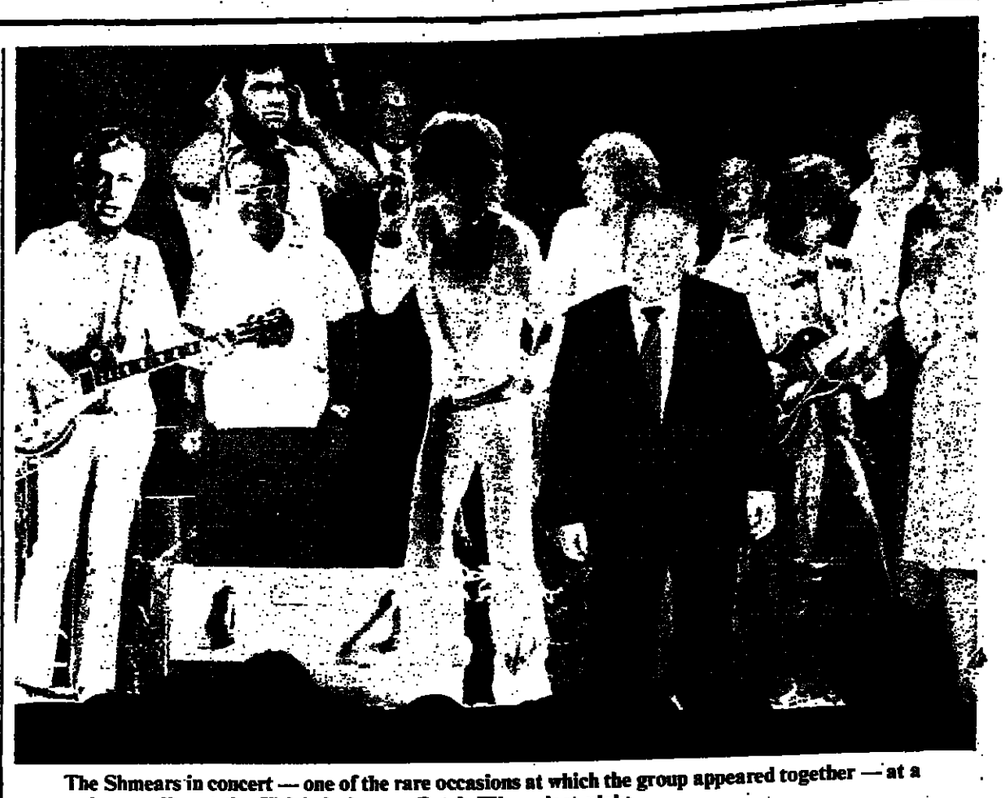
shekel and began a reign of terror among the exporters.

But allegiances are fleeting in the underworld and power lies in the digit of an index. No sooner had Aridor's promises begun to fade, than some of the younger hoods were gripped by visions of grandeur. A bloody war of inheritance erupted with "Dollar" Aridor facing both the young bloods in his own neighbourhood clique and the power-hungry Liberals, who had not forgotten the overthrow of their former strongman "Red" Simha.

Iron Man Aridor cracked under the pressure. Eventually he gave them the opening they were waiting for when he tried to revamp the entire money laundering operation. According to police sources, the move led to an immediate outcry in the streets, with both gang veterans and the new generation threatening to revolt. In fear of his life, Aridor disappeared that same day, along with his chief lieutenants "Banker" Plessner and "Babyface" Sadan.

And now it's Yigal "Cut-throat" Cohen-Orgad's turn to do time. Underworld sources say the gang is running scared now, and they're prepared to give him a chance. The gang has become too unwieldy; it is no longer a matter of strictly defined neighbourhoods, and the old discipline is breaking down. Young gangsters, not tied by the old loyalties, are striking out on their own.

The streets are quiet but tense, the cops say. While gang members are lying low, waiting, the Socialist gang has reappeared in some of the old neighbourhoods, trying to muscle in on monetary and fiscal policy. Police expect a takeover attempt by May next year and they expect it to be bloody. There are a lot of old scores to settle.



The Shmears in concert — one of the rare occasions at which the group appeared together — at a melave malka at the Heichal cinema, Petah Tikva, last night.

Gee, ta, you've fixed my guitar

PLOCK ETC.
Dave Horror

You know, as I was saying to my grannie the other day, my ears are getting a little weary. Imagine, for two decades I've been looking and listening for a trip back to the original B-Gs and what do we get? The Shmears.

And they're still just trying to get their show together. Check out their latest album. Just do it. It's the mixture as before. How they got together in the first place I'll never guess. A weird assortment of combos, it sounds as though they get together mainly to yell at each other. They make music you can use to shout your mother down.

No match for the Golda oldies.

Think of the Mods, for instance. They certainly have energy and they hit the right notes ninety per cent of the time. But what else?

Then there's the Grupp. He's great. Sounds like a tractor squashing grapes.

I must say that Arik Clapton lends them a bit of class with his tuba, although I don't somehow think it's first class.

And we have The Zip, on contra. Just try and get a line on him. He just doesn't ring a bell.

A new addition to the Shmears is the Kohinoor, replacing the Erie Doors. Check him out.

By the way, there seem an awful lot of Doors in the ensemble. Are they all necessary? Perhaps they should be slammed. There's the Merry Doors (what an odd name) and the Door-on, Door-off (even odder) and in the wings there's the humphy Savvy Door. My old Hebrew teacher used to say: "Door, door, and door shove off."

The Hamburgers, that duo with the dinky little patches on their noddles, sound a little bit off. I wonder if their disharmony is perhaps deliberate?

The Ooze seems to labour a bit too much and he tries to get too much of whatever action's going.

The Miracle just is.

I wonder what Shoe Sticks is there for. He doesn't seem to add a lot.

Altogether the Shmears produce music like gorgonzola with kippers, I guess. Grannie would love it.

Your money & your life

By JOSEPH MONEYSTORM
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QUESTION: I traded in my index-linked debentures in favour of 14 per cent off-listed registered security issues, deducting the interest of government-backed promissory conversions. How much did I earn in real terms?

ANSWER: In real terms? How much do you win in video games, in real terms?

Q. I know this may sound like a stupid question, but could you explain once and for all the difference between stocks and shares?

A. It is a stupid question, especially because the answer is so simple. Stocks is what your grocer does, as in: "Haim at the *makolet* stocks three different brands of peanut butter." Shares is what good little children at *gan* do at snack-time, as in: "Little Moshe shares his peanut-butter sandwich with Rutie – but only when Rutie stops cuddling him."

Q. What is meant by the term liquid asset?

A. I'm happy to answer this question, both because it's frequently asked and because it's one of the few terms I definitely know. A liquid asset is any property that is readily convertible to cash. Your stocks, for example. Your car. Your kids.

Q. It's said that a large portion of our balance-of-trade deficit results from the high cost of debt-servicing. What exactly is meant by debt-servicing?

A. Debts require constant care to keep them growing at a healthy rate, with strong teeth and a glossy coat. Debts must be combed and brushed daily, should have periodic shots, and must be fed calcium supplements. Proper care and exercise of one's debts mean a life-long, loyal companion. Remember, only well-groomed and robust debts can breed other debts.

Q. You often use the term "financial instrument." Can you define that for me?

A. A financial instrument is any instrument employed by the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange board of directors' marching band. This includes the horn of plenty, the trumpets of doom, the taxophone, the snare drum and, of course, the fiddle.

Q. I'm a new immigrant, and I'm puzzled by the acronyms Patam, Patah and so on. Can you explain these esoteric terms?

A. Patam is a term used by income-tax officials, taxi drivers and waiters; it stands for, "Pay The Money." Patah is a term used by government ministers, and stands for "Pass The Hat." A term just now catching on is Patap – "Pay The Piper."

Q. I've read that the average Israeli family of four requires IS80,000 for its monthly expenses, but takes home only IS40,000 net, and yet in real terms spends IS120,000. How is this possible?

A. Prudent budgeting.

Q. I understand that we have simultaneous inflation, stagnation, devaluation, unemployment – and yet the stock market is booming. How is this possible – in real terms. I mean?

A. This is possible because we are not living in real terms. We're living on what's called borrowed time.

Q. If you're so smart, Joe, why aren't you rich?

A. I'm smart enough to know that in this country it doesn't pay to be rich. I earn my money trying to explain this to people. Clever people. Like you.

BOOKS

Burgage

BURGEONINGS, An Autobiography. By Yosef Burg. Vol. I. The Early Years. 1909-1984. Peter Pan Books, Gedera. 5,367 groschen

WHEN RECENTLY Israel's Minister of Interior and for Religious Affairs was nominated for president (by, and of, the Ness Ziona Gerontological Association), there were many who thought him too raw, two immature, too, some even put it bluntly – young – for the post.

Publication of this first volume of his autobiography, covering his tempestuous youth in a Bochum street gang; his odd and barely hinted at relationship with a French uncle, Methusela de Crepit; early, unfortunate, marriage to Mata Hari; sparkling successes and then dismal failures on the Amsterdam stock exchange, long nights pouring over his tomes at the university of Notre Dame; serene years of physical toil in Sejera, seven years strenuous training at the Suomo wrestling academy at Ai-no-take, all preparing him for leadership of the National Religious Party, which he has held for the past sixty-nine years, disproves this.

Born in Sprecht, most of Salomon Yosef Burg's schooling was at the *hochschule* in Glü am Pantzen. Here, he tells us, he learned the importance of adhering to the job on hand.

A jolly child, yet, we learn, with a serious vein looking always forward to his lifelong career, the book which had most influence on him, he writes, was Dr. Dolittle, his best-loved poet, Wordsworth. An avid reader of *The Jerusalem Post*, his favourite reporter, is Aaron Sittner.

As Interior Minister, Dr. Burg confesses, his main concern is the intensive first-hand study of the interiors of other countries in the western world. As the English say (he is fond of quoting English proverbs) "travel broadens." So frequent a visitor is he to France, that the natives went so far as to name a whole city in honour of their *cher Bourg*. Likewise in South Africa, with a little more familiarity – Jo Burg, is how they say it. Dr. Burg is of course far too modest to include these facts more than three or four times in the volume under review.

Neither does he ignore the Jews of the world and he regularly broadcasts Bible and Talmud lessons to the Gola. Interestingly he does not comment here on allegations that he uses these broadcasts to include coded messages to book hotel rooms and seats at the Folies.

As Minister for Religious Affairs, he has broadened his relations with leaders of non-Jewish communities. He himself notes his affinity to the Vicar of Bray and his fondness for the Kadi of Ti. He refrains from mentioning that it was he who coined the witticism "Samovar best friends are non-Jews."

Dr. Burg properly pays warm tribute to the great strength he draws from that most energetic Caribbean sport, Cuba ski.

I can not do better in concluding this review than to quote some of his favourite aphorisms, drawn from holy script, that so characterize this young man on the threshold of a brilliant political future.

If I am not for myself, who will be for me?

If two people grasp a tallit, they should let me have it.

He who sits in the seat of the mighty, and sits and sits.

Let him love kingship and rule.

One should not sit in the seat of the old man. Get lost.

Jerusalem was destroyed only because the sons did not attend school, but demonstrated in the streets.

The maybe of the righteous is maybe, and their perhaps is perhaps.

Pray for the welfare of the government, for were it not for the government, I'd be out of a job.

AL TURBINE



Our candid cameraman catches Salomon Yosef Burg lying for the first time.

READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of The Juicy Lemon Post

Sir, – In your issue of last Wednesday, you described me as a junior lecturer in physics at Ben-Gurion University. I hope you will not take offence if I point out that in fact I am senior lecturer in Greek philosophy at Bar-Ilan University.

Yours etc.

Ramle. *IAN DOWY*

All right, "professor," don't get so fresh. So we made a mistake, so what? You never make mistakes while lecturing in music appreciation at the Technion?

You should think yourself damn lucky we printed your godawful name in the first place. Who d'ya think y'are, Einstein or summat? So you may pay a few lousy shekels for a bloody good paper and you find, with a microscope no doubt, that out of the thousands and thousands of words we print every day there was *one tiny* mistake. No wonder they threw you out of Ben-Gurion university, you crud.

Ed. J.T.

TEACHER IN ERROR

RABBI MISTAKEN

To the Editor of The Juicy Lemon Post

Sir, – Your correspondent Max Eagle, reports that I danced with Frieda Lewis at the Jews for Jesse campaign ball at the Williamsburg Bowl last month. For the record, I was not at the ball, and I don't dance. Might I humbly suggest Mr. Eagle was mistaken?

(Rabbi) JULIUS ANGEL

MAX EAGLE replies:

No you may not and I am not. While I was unfortunately unable to be actually present in person myself at the roisterous shindig when (Rabbi) Angel and dear Frieda made such an exhibition of themselves, as I was at a reception given by my good friend Ezer for some very important people, to which (Rabbi) Angel was not invited, my source for the information hasn't been impeached yet and even if it was not one hundred per cent factually precise, I'm pretty sure it could have happened and shouldn't have, and (Rabbi) Angel ought to be ashamed of himself.

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Our thanks to the editors of that other newspaper.

It would be ridiculous to suggest any relationship between the bylines in *The Juicy Lemon Post* and the names of staff members of a certain other Middle East newspaper.